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IN
MASSACHUSETTS.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30TH, 1846.

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*To the Honorable Senate
and House of Representatives :*

Agreeably to a provision of the Act of 1844, Chapter 159, I have the honor to report the following statement and tabular results of the Registry and Returns of Births, Marriages and Deaths, for the Registration year ending April 30th, 1846.

The number of the Births, Marriages and Deaths returned from the several towns is, in the first place, exhibited in full, with the population of the towns according to the census of 1840, and a recapitulation of the same classes of facts, summed up according to counties (pp. 3—11). The returns of the two preceding years since the enactment of the present law serve to elucidate its operation. The last returns of Births, Marriages and Deaths are more full than those of either of the previous years. The number of births returned, is as 1 to 39 inhabitants (according to the census of 1840), excluding the population of Boston ; the number of marriages as 1 to 122, and of deaths as 1 to 69. The absence of returns from the city of Boston, comprising not far from one seventh part of the population of the Commonwealth, still presents the same important chasm as heretofore. The returns from Roxbury, in Norfolk county, and from Abington, in Plymouth, were made too late to be incorporated into the tables. Those from Roxbury were received before the printing was begun, and as their insertion in the tabular statement required no alteration, except in the footing of the columns, they are entered in their place on p. 8. The returns from Abington represent 91 Births, 31 Marriages, and 40 Deaths; the population, in 1840, was 3214.

Copious extracts from the communications of the town clerks are presented in the body of notes appended to the synopsis of

returns (pp. 13—29). The towns which failed to make returns are specified at the end of the notes, under the heads of the several counties.

The town clerks have sometimes returned the names of inhabitants, whose deaths have taken place elsewhere. When the death is represented to have occurred in some other town of the Commonwealth, the entry has been transferred to that town. When elsewhere, it has been omitted, except cases of death at sea, or in a foreign port.

Table I, in two parts, relates to births. The first part (p. 31) exhibits the number of male and female children, and of those whose sex is not reported, born respectively in the several months and in the several counties. The second part (p. 32) exhibits the cases of more than one child at a birth, arranged under the heads of months, counties, and sex.

Table II, in two parts, relates to marriages. The first part (p. 33) records the number of marriages solemnized, in each month, in each county of the Commonwealth. The second part (pp. 34—36) records the facts important to be observed in statistical tables, in relation to the ages and conditions of parties to marriage.

Tables III, IV, and V relate to deaths.

Table III, in four parts, records the causes of death. In the first part (pp. 37—44), against the names of the respective diseases, alphabetically arranged, is recorded the number of persons who died of the same during the year, with a specification of the sex, proximate age, month of decease, and place of birth, so far as to distinguish between natives of the American town where they died, other Americans, and foreigners. The second part (pp. 45—50), against the names of the diseases, scientifically arranged, presents the number of deaths therefrom, in the several counties.

The third part of Table III (pp. 51—54) presents a synopsis of the number of deaths from each disease, or other cause, which took place, according to the returns, in 1846, and the two preceding years respectively. The proportion of the number of each class, in each year, to the number of 10,000, is carried out in three other columns, affording the means of a perfect comparison of the proportional mortality from different causes, so far as the returns furnish the requisite materials. The fourth part of the same table (p. 55), under the heads of the respective counties, exhibits

the returns of stillborn children, with a specification of the sex.

Table IV (pp. 56—60), designed to illustrate the influence of occupation on longevity, exhibits the number, and average age at the time of death, of persons engaged respectively in the different employments of life, as shown by the returns of 1846, and the two preceding years.

Table V (p. 61), designed to furnish some illustration of the influence of domestic condition on longevity, exhibits, against each county, an abstract of the returns of the number, sex, and age of persons deceased in the last registration year, under the divisions of single, married and widowed.

Which is respectfully submitted by

JOHN G. PALFREY, *Secretary.*

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IN

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS,

*Returned to the Secretary's Office, for the three years ending April
30th, 1844, 1845 and 1846.*

COUNTIES AND TOWNS.	Population in 1840.	BIRTHS.			MARRIAGES.			DEATHS.		
		1844.	1845.	1846.	1844.	1845.	1846.	1844.	1845.	1846.
SUFFOLK.										
Boston, ...	93,383	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Chelsea, ...	2,390	111	147	134	29	22	29	88	94	30
Totals, ...	95,773	111	147	134	29	22	29	88	94	30
ESSEX.										
Amesbury, ...	2,471	48	50	50	11	11	19	18	35	48
Andover, ...	5,207	148	118	162	19	30	30	65	85	75
Beverly, ...	4,689	.	.	109	.	.	46	.	.	61
Boxford, ...	942	35	18	34	11	7	10	7	12	11
Bradford, ...	2,222	45	55	41	8	14	17	34	24	44
Danvers, ...	5,020	159	194	208	51	50	61	86	89	97
Essex, ...	1,450	28	19	39	8	11	17	15	17	22
Georgetown, ...	1,540	46	56	47	15	14	18	18	15	16
Gloucester, ...	6,350	167	229	192	72	52	79	106	121	139
Hamilton, ...	818	16	16	24	4	9	12	18	18	11
Haverhill, ...	4,336	.	106	104	37	38	41	78	74	58
Ipswich, ...	3,000	52	.	2	19	27	22	64	42	54
Lynn, ...	9,367	.	296	335	.	90	94	.	200	206
Lynnfield, ...	707	20	15	24	1	3	10	7	11	15
Manchester, ...	1,355	45	54	45	7	20	11	29	40	43
Marblehead, ...	5,575	194	164	207	43	66	41	115	118	102
Methuen, ...	2,251	69	46	71	23	16	27	28	49	38
Middleton, ...	657	18	17	18	3	5	4	11	9	11
Newbury, ...	3,789	33	8	67	9	20	26	55	31	49
Newburyport, ...	7,161	189	227	220	62	67	99	114	115	114
Rockport, ...	2,650	72	78	87	23	27	21	54	31	38
Rowley, ...	1,203	32	19	24	6	7	7	20	18	20
Salem, ...	15,082	3	225	265	94	122	134	260	244	297
Salisbury, ...	2,739	54	56	60	23	21	20	28	39	51
Saugus, ...	1,098	28	32	35	5	8	13	21	15	14
Topsfield, ...	1,059	16	34	35	9	9	10	21	23	18
Wenham, ...	689	19	14	17	9	6	7	6	10	8
West Newbury, ...	1,560	45	29	5	11	8	12	14	19	13
Totals, ...	94,987	1581	2175	2527	583	758	908	1292	1504	1673

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS—*Continued.*

COUNTIES AND TOWNS.	Population in 1840.	BIRTHS.			MARRIAGES.			DEATHS.		
		1844.	1845.	1846.	1844.	1845.	1846.	1844.	1845.	1846.
MIDDLESEX.										
Acton, ...	1121	13	7	.	8	14	8	22	22	18
Ashby, ...	1246	24	.	7	3	8	5	23	26	15
Ashland, ...	.	.	13	.	.	.	3	.	.	1
Bedford, ...	929	27	27	23	6	11	6	20	17	13
Billerica, ...	1632	44	54	32	10	18	13	21	17	25
Boxborough, ...	426	13	9	8	3	3	2	5	5	6
Brighton, ...	1425	56	60	50	5	8	16	17	24	22
Burlington, ...	510	8	16	13	3	3	2	9	4	3
Cambridge, ...	8409	364	354	342	80	74	73	139	110	155
Carlisle, ...	556	10	11	12	6	4	4	8	9	7
Charlestown and } Somerville, }	11,484	321	387	482	97	142	139	192	228	268
Chelmsford, ...	1697	2	55	.	6	3	.	8	8	.
Concord, ...	1784	39	44	56	9	17	15	25	27	21
Dracut, ...	2188	74	71	.	12	15	.	2	.	.
Dunstable, ...	603	7	11	9	1	3	.	9	10	5
Framingham, ...	3030	91	78	98	24	32	10	50	14	21
Groton, ...	2139	57	59	54	13	15	14	44	50	44
Holliston, ...	1782	56	41	62	13	14	7	24	38	26
Hopkinton, ...	2245	63	65	74	12	28	21	11	41	25
Lexington, ...	1642	36	30	31	4	12	12	2	16	18
Lincoln, ...	686	4	5	15	6	5	4	.	4	4
Littleton, ...	927	4	.	2	6	.	8	9	.	18
Lowell, ...	20,796	598	664	656	307	397	407	348	309	430
Malden, ...	2514	85	86	71	21	14	21	37	47	46
Marlborough, ...	2101	52	53	48	20	28	19	30	25	36
Medford, ...	2478	57	78	90	34	33	25	44	36	42
Natick, ...	1285	45	51	54	15	15	11	20	31	20
Newton, ...	3351	2	4	1	8	20	9	30	26	74
Pepperell, ...	1571	29	38	39	15	12	7	21	20	14
Reading, ...	2193	69	60	74	15	16	20	47	34	35
Sherburne, ...	995	19	17	23	10	8	11	14	9	10
Shirley, ...	957	29	38	27	7	8	6	17	18	13
South Reading, ...	1517	30	41	40	11	27	14	44	22	20
Stoneham, ...	1017	26	34	36	15	8	12	6	21	14
Stow, ...	1230	48	2	3	5	10	8	13	8	1
Sudbury, ...	1422	38	37	35	12	13	11	14	15	14
Tewksbury, ...	906	7	.	22	2	.	11	5	.	16
Townsend, ...	1892	39	53	39	7	8	6	25	25	28
Tyngsborough, ...	870	16	19	23	7	4	3	6	9	12
Waltham, ...	2504	75	61	60	27	24	41	43	35	35
Watertown, ...	1810	50	60	.	21	6	15	31	25	.
Wayland, ...	998	24	27	21	2	5	10	19	10	15
West Cambridge, ...	1363	.	46	42	.	.	26	.	.	21
Westford, ...	1436	18	12	14	4	8	4	17	14	10
Weston, ...	1092	28	18	22	7	8	8	18	14	13
Wilmington, ...	859	15	23	33	6	12	10	12	17	12
Woburn, ...	2993	46	94	119	33	42	34	50	53	61
Totals, ...	106,611	2814	3050	3011	949	1168	1119	1553	1506	1722

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		1844.	1845.	1846	1844.	1845.	1846.	1844.	1845.	1846.
WORCESTER.										
Ashburnham, . . .	1652	58	32	49	18	10	11	34	38	25
Athol, . . .	1591	46	51	45	15	8	13	19	33	32
Auburn, . . .	649	13	23	16	4	6	6	7	5	10
Barre, . . .	2751	. .	68	64	19	12	27	43	35	40
Berlin, . . .	763	24	24	13	1	5	5	16	9	7
Blackstone, . . .	. .	. .	63	93	. .	1	22	. .	. .	34
Bolton, . . .	1186	23	30	29	5	6	9	26	19	15
Boylston, . . .	797	19	15	18	11	7	5	9	9	10
Brookfield, . . .	2472	55	62	56	8	9	23	. .	27	23
Charlton, . . .	2117	6	9	6	16	11	14	43	30	27
Dana, . . .	691	18	24	26	4	6	6	. .	11	13
Douglas, . . .	1617	49	. .	48	3	. .	19	14	. .	24
Dudley, . . .	1352	22	41	40	6	10	8	22	19	17
Fitchburg, . . .	2604	76	91	85	25	37	34	3	56	73
Gardner, . . .	1260	36	44	38	14	11	17	20	18	25
Grafton, . . .	2943	79	111	115	36	28	24	55	54	52
Hardwick, . . .	1789	50	33	29	6	18	15	19	30	30
Harvard, . . .	1571	27	33	26	8	13	8	25	21	36
Holden, . . .	1874	59	70	59	16	25	19	42	36	36
Hubbardston, . . .	1784	58	33	52	14	17	14	41	28	34
Lancaster, . . .	2019	21	7	9	16	17	27	42	17	16
Leicester, . . .	1707	48	47	43	8	14	17	33	24	27
Leominster, . . .	2069	69	64	61	17	11	18	49	28	40
Lunenburg, . . .	1272	24	1	23	5	4	3	13	18	17
Mendon, . . .	3524	129	33	38	19	17	4	21	48	18
Milford, . . .	1773	84	61	56	19	43	37	42	43	31
Millbury, . . .	2171	62	69	60	20	24	12	35	34	30
New Braintree, . . .	752	17	10	8	3	6	2	10	9	13
North Brookfield, . . .	1485	55	44	32	13	14	9	29	14	27
Northborough, . . .	1248	26	29	10	15	19	13	22	22	17
Northbridge, . . .	1449	35	46	49	13	13	25	23	46	25
Oakham, . . .	1038	19	31	12	9	13	10	7	12	20
Oxford, . . .	1742	39	53	36	12	16	22	32	31	31
Paxton, . . .	670	20	24	27	10	5	4	13	15	13
Petersham, . . .	1775	4	34	34	11	10	9	18	10	23
Phillipston, . . .	919	23	16	21	8	6	4	8	10	13
Princeton, . . .	1347	37	44	30	11	11	5	21	35	25
Royalston, . . .	1667	31	44	36	9	13	12	23	19	32
Rutland, . . .	1260	25	30	19	10	7	13	21	18	26
Shrewsbury, . . .	1481	42	24	24	9	7	5	35	26	18
Southborough, . . .	1145	22	32	19	8	14	14	21	22	26
Southbridge, . . .	2031	10	29	55	15	20	23	41	22	38
Spencer, . . .	1604	28	54	50	12	18	13	35	22	18
Sterling, . . .	1647	50	38	40	9	18	11	32	6	30
Sturbridge, . . .	2005	50	36	51	14	6	14	37	34	29
Sutton, . . .	2370	48	52	66	23	22	21	17	45	45
Templeton, . . .	1776	39	37	27	6	14	10	17	28	29
Upton, . . .	1466	42	. .	. .	11	. .	. .	22	26	. .
Uxbridge, . . .	2004	57	58	62	14	21	27	35	42	48
Warren, . . .	1290	41	35	42	7	8	9	33	23	22
Webster, . . .	1403	50	57	44	11	6	10	33	18	23

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		1844.	1845.	1846.	1844.	1845.	1846.	1844.	1845.	1846.
West Boylston, . . .	1187	37	33	47	11	16	14	16	29	29
Westborough, . . .	1658	41	.	39	10	14	7	15	.	38
Westminster, . . .	1645	5	52	54	6	13	10	20	23	44
Winchendon, . . .	1754	.	35	30	6	14	22	.	.	17
Worcester, . . .	7497	263	.	313	86	79	116	160	230	273
Totals, . . .	95,313	2311	2116	2474	715	793	871	1469	1527	1734
HAMPSHIRE.										
Amherst, . . .	2550	74	76	77	17	19	25	57	54	51
Belchertown, . . .	2554	.	23	20	24	16	20	37	26	32
Chesterfield, . . .	1132	7	.	.	4	5	.	16	15	.
Cummington, . . .	1237	16	24	4	12	17	15	20	10	6
Easthampton, . . .	717	17	18	13	5	2	7	19	13	21
Enfield, . . .	976	13	17	26	7	7	15	12	13	15
Goshen, . . .	556	14	11	16	1	4	3	12	10	10
Granby, . . .	971	16	16	26	6	9	3	10	16	21
Greenwich, . . .	824	18	15	15	5	3	10	13	16	23
Hadley, . . .	1814	42	35	52	8	14	.	45	26	26
Hatfield, . . .	933	26	28	20	4	3	4	19	14	19
Middlefield, . . .	1717	20	35	20	10	2	11	16	13	4
Northampton, . . .	3750	130	137	111	12	18	17	59	54	74
Norwich, . . .	750	26	14	20	9	2	1	18	27	7
Pelham, . . .	956	7	14	18	6	5	5	10	.	.
Plainfield, . . .	910	.	2	13	.	6	3	.	13	10
Prescott, . . .	780	.	.	7	.	.	7	.	.	10
South Hadley, . . .	1458	49	44	48	11	7	14	22	19	32
Southampton, . . .	1157	33	25	25	9	11	9	28	13	20
Ware, . . .	1890	53	38	62	15	33	30	43	35	.
Westhampton, . . .	759	17	16	17	4	2	1	13	9	22
Williamsburg, . . .	1309	33	29	27	6	6	4	16	19	25
Worthington, . . .	1197	31	36	39	5	8	5	23	15	11
Totals, . . .	30,897	642	653	676	180	199	209	508	430	439
HAMPDEN.										
Blandford, . . .	1427	29	20	24	7	2	11	23	17	17
Brimfield, . . .	1419	.	16	28	8	5	14	26	18	31
Chester, . . .	1632	28	34	30	6	.	9	27	7	11
Granville, . . .	1414	5	22	31	7	3	13	18	5	26
Holland, . . .	423	.	.	14	6	5	5	.	3	8
Longmeadow, . . .	1270	34	21	26	7	10	8	19	25	26
Ludlow, . . .	1268	36	36	19	8	13	14	19	33	26
Monson, . . .	2151	30	59	59	11	4	9	30	41	27
Montgomery, . . .	740	12	14	9	1	4	4	4	10	8
Palmer, . . .	2139	53	54	69	9	14	26	.	.	.
Russell, . . .	955	10	.	.	1	.	.	2	.	.
Southwick, . . .	1214	.	34	32	.	7	6	.	13	29
Springfield, . . .	10,985	372	405	417	73	67	78	132	191	269
Tolland, . . .	627	.	19	4	7	2	3	12	12	6
Wales, . . .	686	18	15	15	6	3	4	9	7	15
West Springfield, . . .	3626	42	60	.	29	24	12	17	36	33

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		1844.	1845.	1846.	1844.	1845.	1846.	1844.	1845.	1846.
Westfield, . . .	3526	91	99	96	27	15	21	56	57	64
Wilbraham, . . .	1864	.	29	28	.	15	15	.	34	18
Totals, . . .	37,366	760	937	901	213	193	252	394	509	614
FRANKLIN.										
Ashfield, . . .	1610	2	37	18	.	3	8	25	33	32
Bernardston, . . .	992	24	20	32	5	10	7	17	7	13
Buckland, . . .	1084	20	19	23	8	7	8	6	9	12
Charlemont, . . .	1127	31	35	19	6	3	10	18	10	15
Coleraine, . . .	1971	35	35	29	4	12	11	26	30	23
Conway, . . .	1409	46	.	.	9	.	.	27	.	.
Deerfield, . . .	1912	.	51	54	.	15	8	.	21	20
Erving, . . .	309	10	10	9	.	3	1	.	5	3
Gill, . . .	798	22	14	23	5	4	4	10	9	7
Greenfield, . . .	1756	32	3	.	6	2	13	34	.	.
Hawley, . . .	977	18	13	25	6	3	6	17	8	8
Heath, . . .	895	14	29	18	.	.	.	4	22	.
Leverett, . . .	875	17	29	34	8	8	4	22	13	9
Leyden, . . .	632	29	9	22	4	3	6	11	10	25
Monroe, . . .	282	7	11	9	.	.	.	1	3	1
Montague, . . .	1255	32	.	36	3	2	.	.	12	16
New Salem, . . .	1305	20	35	28	4	6	13	9	31	18
Northfield, . . .	1673	30	.	.	4	5	.	11	.	.
Orange, . . .	1501	29	32	48	5	15	13	18	22	27
Rowe, . . .	703	30	13	1	8	3	.	15	11	.
Shelburne, . . .	1022	22	33	27	6	10	12	24	10	19
Shutesbury, . . .	987	21	24	17	4	13	9	7	11	1
Sunderland, . . .	719	23	10	12	6	1	2	6	5	8
Warwick, . . .	1071	18	35	10	4	8	8	21	23	11
Wendell, . . .	875	19	4	4	3	5	3	12	11	15
Whately, . . .	1072	25	27	26	7	10	5	20	15	12
Totals, . . .	28,812	576	528	524	115	151	151	360	331	295
BERKSHIRE.										
Adams, . . .	3703	.	102	114	.	15	8	.	78	45
Alford, . . .	481	13	10	13	3	4	.	7	2	4
Becket, . . .	1342	18	29	20	7	7	8	24	31	14
Boston Corner, . . .	65	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Cheshire, . . .	985	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.
Clarksburg, . . .	370	9	8	11	.	.	1	.	.	4
Dalton, . . .	1255	40	42	43	3	.	2	11	14	.
Egremont, . . .	1038	19	28	23	3	2	1	11	5	10
Florida, . . .	441	19	5	7	.	2	2	3	3	3
Great Barrington, . . .	2704	.	.	.	10	3	.	38	.	.
Hancock, . . .	922	21	19	18	1	.	.	4	12	15
Hinsdale, . . .	955	41	21	17	3	6	6	17	16	17
Lanesborough, . . .	1140	31	18	21	.	2	.	12	11	20
Lee, . . .	2428	29	34	26	20	8	10	28	40	32
Lenox, . . .	1313	35	39	29	8	7	5	21	29	26
Mount Washington, . . .	438	13	.	20	.	.	1	2	.	1

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS—*Continued.*

COUNTIES AND TOWNS.	Population in 1840.	BIRTHS.			MARRIAGES.			DEATHS.		
		1844.	1845.	1846.	1844.	1845.	1846.	1844.	1845.	1846.
New Ashford, . . .	227	5	2	3	1	1	.	1	.	3
New Marlborough, . . .	1682	41	28	35	14	9	13	25	11	23
Otis, . . .	1177	12	28	.	10	2	.	6	8	.
Peru, . . .	576	17	12	12	1	5	3	11	3	15
Pittsfield, . . .	3747	87	101	108	1	3	7	56	61	76
Richmond, . . .	1097	11	11	20	4	3	6	14	10	15
Sandisfield, . . .	1464	21	.	.	13	11	.	21	32	.
Savoy, . . .	915	13	6	5	3	4	4	3	1	5
Sheffield, . . .	2322	49	78	85	7	7	13	28	35	41
Stockbridge, . . .	1992	41	33	53	2	9	6	35	25	29
Tyringham, . . .	1477	5	.	.	9	.	.	25	.	.
Washington, . . .	991	22	29	20	2	1	2	12	14	10
West Stockbridge, . . .	1448	54	49	40	8	4	6	20	16	23
Williamstown, . . .	2153	57	78	51	2	11	3	.	22	22
Windsor, . . .	897	.	12	12	.	6	6	.	9	12
Totals, . . .	41,745	723	822	806	135	132	114	435	488	465
NORFOLK.										
Bellingham, . . .	1055	30	12	8	7	2	2	11	8	7
Braintree, . . .	2168	59	69	47	14	6	18	10	27	.
Brookline, . . .	1365	13	21	44	8	8	16	15	25	21
Canton, . . .	1995	65	27	11	17	7	21	35	32	26
Cohasset, . . .	1471	24	33	26	16	10	19	28	18	20
Dedham, . . .	3290	90	96	94	31	33	36	50	70	52
Dorchester, . . .	4875	28	91	186	21	47	49	78	79	93
Dover, . . .	520	8	6	8	1	3	8	11	8	5
Foxborough, . . .	1298	24	51	37	11	17	19	18	18	28
Franklin, . . .	1717	23	33	41	10	5	9	28	29	22
Medfield, . . .	883	9	18	16	6	4	5	18	7	18
Medway, . . .	2043	66	65	61	25	29	32	14	26	21
Milton, . . .	1822	49	58	52	11	16	11	38	25	25
Needham, . . .	1488	45	33	36	9	4	6	26	17	25
Quincy, . . .	3486	147	123	136	23	21	32	56	53	48
Randolph, . . .	3213	92	138	121	32	28	31	71	55	61
Roxbury, . . .	9089	304	411	440	26	78	98	.	.	.
Sharon, . . .	1076	26	22	16	9	12	7	15	14	12
Stoughton, . . .	2142	68	86	95	35	23	38	4	36	30
Walpole, . . .	1491	.	.	25	.	.	10	.	.	7
Weymouth, . . .	3738	145	139	140	32	35	36	21	62	64
Wrentham, . . .	2915	77	59	67	16	16	25	8	48	39
Totals, . . .	53,140	1392	1591	1707	360	404	528	555	657	624
BRISTOL.										
Attleborough, . . .	3585	78	81	88	33	25	21	60	66	75
Berkley, . . .	886	20	12	19	4	2	7	17	26	15
Dartmouth, . . .	4135	122	92	108	33	27	28	.	.	.
Dighton, . . .	1378	36	47	40	19	7	9	15	32	17
Easton, . . .	2074	42	53	56	8	19	8	52	39	25
Fairhaven, . . .	3951	74	107	.	10	34	29	33	45	52

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COUNTIES AND TOWNS.	Population in 1840.	BIRTHS.			MARRIAGES.			DEATHS.		
		1844.	1845.	1846.	1844.	1845.	1846.	1844.	1845.	1846.
Fall River, . . .	6738	310	379	393	81	73	82	76	55	110
Freetown, . . .	1772	47	43	24	5	10	8	22	31	24
Mansfield, . . .	1382	34	43	31	10	12	16	.	17	21
New Bedford, . . .	12,087	443	435	477	131	114	151	1	175	249
Norton, . . .	1545	36	29	45	3	8	8	8	6	4
Pawtucket, . . .	2184	104	89	127	14	13	16	6	.	16
Raynham, . . .	1329	43	40	2	12	4	9	24	19	10
Rehoboth, . . .	2169	55	55	45	16	.	15	20	25	38
Seekonk, . . .	1996	47	9	.	24	9	.	35	39	.
Somerset, . . .	1005	2	14	26	4	6	6	34	24	20
Swansey, . . .	1484	36	32	37	9	11	11	.	15	21
Taunton, . . .	7645	192	219	244	57	43	60	73	73	55
Westport, . . .	2820	82	73	50	10	2	15	39	32	27
Totals, . . .	60,165	1825	1852	1812	483	419	499	515	719	779
PLYMOUTH.										
Abington, . . .	3214	113	.	.	27	39	.	75	.	.
Bridgewater, . . .	2131	44	71	57	4	12	12	45	40	27
Carver, . . .	995	35	30	21	2	14	8	5	1	.
Duxbury, . . .	2798	33	.	.	19	10	8	19	19	.
East Bridgewater, . . .	1950	30	58	49	9	11	25	24	19	26
Halifax, . . .	734	30	36	27	7	2	6	17	21	13
Hanover, . . .	1488	41	18	18	16	14	12	20	16	17
Hanson, . . .	1040	.	.	15	.	.	3	.	.	13
Hingham, . . .	3564	94	86	87	35	22	20	57	61	44
Hull, . . .	231	3	6	3	3	2	1	2	7	1
Kingston, . . .	1440	35	32	31	15	16	11	26	25	15
Marshfield, . . .	1761	47	41	45	16	16	10	34	23	25
Middleborough, . . .	5085	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
North Bridgewater, . . .	2616	96	70	91	22	35	21	50	32	44
Pembroke, . . .	1258	17	33	31	11	2	3	16	19	21
Plymouth, . . .	5281	151	122	164	30	41	42	81	110	67
Plympton, . . .	834	24	19	19	8	10	11	22	10	12
Rochester, . . .	3864	.	.	112	.	.	.	.	.	48
Scituate, . . .	3886	88	84	85	28	22	21	52	43	43
Wareham, . . .	2002	65	66	75	9	11	29	32	22	32
West Bridgewater, . . .	1201	31	39	36	8	9	11	29	16	14
Totals, . . .	47,373	977	811	966	269	288	254	606	484	462
BARNSTABLE.										
Barnstable, . . .	4301	8	10	20	21	38	42	15	38	43
Brewster, . . .	1522	31	44	43	8	7	15	13	22	12
Chatham, . . .	2334	75	35	65	18	15	24	50	35	28
Dennis, . . .	2942	62	.	.	23	.	.	33	.	.
Eastham, . . .	955	17	13	7	3	12	10	10	14	10
Falmouth, . . .	2589	72	66	56	.	20	19	33	37	25
Harwich, . . .	2930	87	105	111	19	23	20	16	34	32
Marshpee, . . .	309	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Orleans, . . .	1974	34	45	39	23	8	14	44	27	31
Provincetown, . . .	2122	76	61	73	25	22	19	41	41	28

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS—*Continued.*

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		1844.	1845.	1846.	1844.	1845.	1846.	1844.	1845.	1846.
Sandwich, . . .	3719	112	118	101	23	24	21	32	58	44
Truro, . . .	1920	36	55	.	12	20	.	32	30	.
Wellfleet, . . .	2377	59	44	65	13	12	16	23	24	15
Yarmouth, . . .	2554	75	79	67	13	21	20	66	48	35
Totals, . . .	32,548	744	675	647	201	222	220	408	408	303
DUKES.										
Chilmark, . . .	702	10	12	13	5	3	8	9	4	4
Edgartown, . . .	1736	30	55	53	8	10	8	13	26	27
Tisbury, . . .	1520	53	60	13	21	11	9	26	23	25
Totals, . . .	3958	93	127	79	34	24	25	48	53	56
NANTUCKET.										
Nantucket, . . .	9012	208	227	222	38	90	84	107	134	154

RECAPITULATION.

COUNTIES.	Population in 1840.	BIRTHS.			MARRIAGES.			DEATHS.		
		1844.	1845.	1846.	1844.	1845.	1846.	1844.	1845.	1846.
Suffolk, . .	95,773	111	147	134	29	22	29	88	94	30
Essex, . .	94,987	1581	2175	2527	583	758	908	1292	1504	1673
Middlesex, .	106,611	2814	3050	3011	949	1168	1119	1553	1506	1722
Worcester, .	95,313	2311	2116	2474	715	793	871	1469	1527	1734
Hampshire, .	30,897	642	653	676	180	199	209	508	430	439
Hampden, .	37,366	760	937	901	213	193	252	394	509	614
Franklin, .	28,812	576	528	524	115	151	151	360	331	295
Berkshire, .	41,745	723	822	806	135	132	114	435	488	465
Norfolk, .	53,140	1392	1591	1707	360	404	528	555	657	624
Bristol, . .	60,165	1825	1852	1812	483	419	499	515	719	779
Plymouth, .	47,373	977	811	966	269	288	254	606	484	462
Barnstable, .	32,548	744	675	647	201	222	220	408	408	303
Dukes, . .	3,958	93	127	79	34	24	25	48	53	56
Nantucket, .	9,012	208	227	222	38	90	84	107	134	154
Totals, . .	737,700	14,757	15,711	16,486	4304	4863	5263	8338	8844	9350
Totals after de- ducting Suffolk County, . .	641,927	14,646	15,564	16,352	4275	4841	5234	8250	8750	9320

NOTES.

Some of the returns were accompanied with remarks by the town clerks. From these, the following notes have been compiled. The design of these notes is to show the condition of registration through the State, the practical operation of existing laws on the subject, and the views of the town clerks in regard to such amendments as may be needed to improve the system.

SUFFOLK COUNTY.

BOSTON.—No return of births, marriages or deaths.

CHELSEA.—“I presume many deaths have taken place in this town of which, as yet, I have no record.”

ESSEX COUNTY.

ANDOVER.—“They are all very imperfect, as respects numbers. The returns have not been made according to law.”—*Births*. “There seems to have been a misapprehension of the law relating to the duties of school committee and town clerk, in respect to the registration of births; as town clerk, I forwarded the blank, and paper, and circular to the chairman of the school committee.” “The whole number of births in Andover must have been two hundred. I was present at about one hundred, and there are five other physicians in town.” “The adjutant general sends a blank for the enrolment of soldiers to the assessors; they enter the names on the blank, then sign the return at the bottom as assessors; the town clerk records the same, counts the numbers, and signs the return at the beginning, and sends the same return to the adjutant; this return has the signatures of the assessors as vouchers for correctness, and the town clerk that it is recorded,—and I think the law is very similar in intention to the law respecting the enrolment of births.” “I would call the attention of the Secretary to the fact, that the law makes no provision for the *future registration* of the *names* of those *children* that are recorded *this year* without a *name*.”—*Marriages*. “One clergyman informs me verbally, that he has married about twenty couple the past year. Another clergyman two couple, a magistrate one couple in Andover, but they have made no return.” “Our return should have been fifty instead of thirty, if clergymen and magistrates had returned all. The whole number of couples published in Andover, from May 1, 1845, to May 1, 1846, is eighty. Returns have

been partially and imperfectly made. Our records, for the last twelve years, are very imperfect, as respects marriages,—little regularity in the records,—and some have made no returns for many years. Town clerks receive no compensation in Andover for any service rendered the town, except recording births and deaths, consequently they will not look up labor.”

ESSEX.—*Births and Marriages.* “The returns, I believe, embrace all that have occurred in the town during the year.”

GLOUCESTER.—*Marriages.* “All the persons returned have received certificates of publishment, and the presumption is, that they have been married; but owing to the neglect of some, and the itinerant habits of the clergy in many cases, there remain blanks which should have been filled; many of those completed are made by my own inquiry.”

HAMILTON.—“I have found it difficult to obtain the information necessary to comply with the law; the returns are as perfect as I can make them at this time; we hope to make them more perfect in future.”

MARBLEHEAD.—“I feel desirous that the law should be complied with, and have endeavored to make as complete returns as possible, though they are still imperfect. For much of the information, I have to rely on personal application to the parties.”

MIDDLETON.—*Births.* “The school committee only returned seven, the rest (11) I have procured by personal exertions. I think the duty would be better performed if it devolved upon the assessors.”—*Marriages.* “It is believed there has been one marriage in this town not included in this return, but no more have been reported; if so, it was solemnized by a clergyman not a resident of this town.”

ROCKPORT.—*Deaths.* “Should inaccuracies be found in this return, they must be charged to the sextons, most of whom made an entire failure as it regards their returns. The clerk, therefore, has not so much time to examine and correct as he could wish. All the physicians in town have kindly rendered the needful aid.”

SALEM.—*Marriages.* “Rev. Mr. ———, of St. Peter’s Church, has neglected to make any return for the past year.”

TOPSFIELD.—*Deaths.* “This return may be relied on as containing a notice of every death that has occurred, within the time named, in this town. All have been recorded for the last thirty-six years.”

WEST NEWBURY.—*Births.* “The return, though few in number, comprises all in my possession; I am well aware that the births of the past year did not fall much short of any preceding year. The school committee for 1845, returned the number of births in four school districts out of six; the present year, no returns have been made; whether it is negligence, or exemption from the duty by the law, is probably best known to themselves.”—*Deaths.* “All that have come to my knowledge, are nearly correct; although often requested, the sextons have, as yet, rendered no assistance.”

MIDDLESEX COUNTY.

ASHLAND.—*Births.* “It is ascertained that twenty occurred in the Hopkinton, eight in the Framingham, and five in the Holliston portions of this town; those in the Hopkinton portion are probably included in the return from that town and

are here omitted. Those in the Framingham and Holliston portions are not probably returned from those towns, and for that reason I have taken the liberty to make the return I have. No births occurred in this town between the passage of the act of incorporation and the first of May, 1846."

CAMBRIDGE.—*Births*. "The number recorded is undoubtedly much less than have occurred in the city."—*Marriages*. "This return embraces probably not more than from one half to two thirds of the whole number solemnized during the year, and is deficient in other respects. Some clergymen make no returns, and others return only the names of parties and date of marriage."—*Deaths*. "This return is not complete, though more nearly so than that of births or marriages. Few deaths are returned to me of those who are removed out of the city or to Mount Auburn for interment."

CARLISLE.—*Births*. "This return is the same which was made out and returned to me by Dr. A. Marsh, the school committee having neglected to perform that service."

CHARLESTOWN.—"The returns are as complete as I am able to make them, under existing circumstances. The return of marriages is the most defective. The pastor of the First Baptist Society has made no return for the last year; and the pastor of the Episcopalian Church has furnished me with no returns of marriages solemnized by him since officiating in that capacity in this town."

CHELMSFORD.—*Deaths*. "Probably the whole number would not vary very far from thirty. One of the sextons made no return."

FRAMINGHAM.—*Deaths*. "The sextons have not all made returns."

GROTON.—"In all important particulars the returns are accurate and complete."—*Births*. "The school committee have given their personal attention to the return of births."

HOLLISTON.—*Births*. "This record is believed to be perfect, and all the facts are given that could be obtained from return by school committee. A part of the town of Ashland was taken from Holliston last winter by act of incorporation, and the school committee did not take the account of births, supposing this duty belonged to the school committee there. The different parts of the town in which the births have occurred have been arranged by school districts."—*Marriages*. "Incomplete—I think short of the true number. It does not embrace one third of the certificates I have given. It is the best I could do from the returns received. I think the nature of the facts required in this matter may be a reason of their imperfection."—*Deaths*. "Not quite perfect, though the sextons have shown a commendable disposition to make it so. Perhaps six or eight not returned; some have been interred out of town, and the returns have not been furnished me. The deaths in that part of Holliston now Ashland, (referred to in the births above,) were returned as you have them. None returned since the act of incorporation from this section. In some cases, the occupation is not returned, nor is the precise age stated. It is often difficult to obtain the exact age in months and days. From a record kept by a person which I think is correct, the number of deaths in Holliston, during the registration year, was 27. More attention would be paid to the law if it were better known to the proper officers. Many of the facts required are of importance, and it is to be regretted that it is not better complied with."

HOPKINTON.—*Births*. "This return is believed to be nearly correct; it includes those occurring in that part of Hopkinton now become a part of Ashland, up to the passage of the act incorporating that town."—*Marriages*. "Believed to be correct with two exceptions, and those owing to the misapprehension of the clergyman in supposing it to be the duty of the town clerk to obtain the facts."—*Deaths*. "As full and correct as the returns to me will admit. The probable number of deaths in town, the last year, was nearly forty."

LINCOLN.—*Births*. "These are what I have picked up myself; the school committee still refuse to make any return to me. I think the list must contain nearly all the births in town during the year."—*Deaths*. "There have been more than four deaths in town during the past year, but some of them have been interred out of town, and no record of them made by our sexton."

NATICK.—*Births*. "I have reason to believe that the births are stated with a good degree of accuracy."—*Marriages*. "This return is very defective. A person in this town, who, I have reason to believe, has solemnized as many marriages as all others, has not returned one instance of a marriage by him the last year, and I have not been able to obtain one after repeated solicitations. The Commonwealth will never procure correct information, in my humble opinion, in relation to marriages, until they affix a heavy penalty on clergymen and others for neglect of this duty. It appears to me of the greatest consequence that all marriages should be recorded somewhere, that they may be accessible to all persons interested, from the fact that much trouble has existed and pecuniary losses been sustained, since the operation of the pension laws, by the imperfection of town records. So in case of settlement of paupers; every one conversant with such matters knows the unlimited trouble existing for the want of a record of marriages. If the Legislature would give a thought to this subject, the public interest would be promoted."—*Deaths*. "I imagine they are less accurate, but they are all I have been able to obtain of the sextons. I however feel confident that a few more have happened than are stated in the return."

NEWTON.—*Births*. "You will perceive that I send you a record of one birth only, which is all that has been received, out of probably one hundred. I have inquired of the school committee for the births, but they have done nothing about the record of them; a majority of them are preachers, and they consider it too delicate a task to meddle with. I think if it were made the duty of the assessors, it could and would be done."—*Marriages*. "I find preachers, who, you know, do nearly all the marrying, very strongly object to the numerous questions the law requires them to ask; and I don't know but the reason why so few records of marriages are sent in, is because their returns would so far fail of answering the law, that they do not like to have their failures exhibited. If the law be not altered, I mean to make an effort to send you a more full return next year."—*Deaths*. "The deaths, I think, are full. We have in town five sextons; I have had to write to, or call on four of them, to obtain their records. Perhaps the clerk has received one fourth or one fifth of the marriages in town; the reason why we have received no more I cannot tell, as I have served in this capacity but a short time."

PEPPERELL.—"I have adopted a system which I am in hopes will enable me to obtain a more accurate return the coming year, of births, marriages and deaths."

TYNGSBOROUGH.—"On making out my returns of births, marriages and deaths last year, I thought I should be able to give you a complete and full return the present year, and promised you that I would do so. I have taken unwearied pains to obtain the names, dates, &c., contained in these returns, and, by dint of running and racing into almost every nook and corner of the town, I have obtained the particulars returned; thus much I have done in order to keep my promise, made one year ago. There has not been a single instance of full and correct return to me during the past year. I have requested, again and again, individuals to hand in their returns to me, without effect; under these circumstances, I shall make no further promises, but shall hereafter return such facts as are returned to me."

WATERTOWN.--*Births and Deaths.* "No returns of births from the school committee, or return of deaths from the sexton, in the town of Watertown, have been received by me the past year, up to June 30, 1846. I therefore can make no return to you."

WEST CAMBRIDGE.--*Deaths.* "The deficiency in the return is beyond the control of the clerk. Recorded as received."

WESTFORD.--*Deaths.* "The return is imperfect, containing but about one half the number. Individuals, when requested, neglect to make the necessary returns."

WOBURN.--*Births.* "The return of births, from the town of Woburn, for the year ending April 30, 1846, is, in most respects, perfect." "I have used great exertions to ascertain, and make record of all births happening in town; eight or ten out of this number, I have ascertained by personal inquiry. The school committee employed the assessors to attend to their duty for them; there appears to be a great unwillingness on the part of parents to give in the birth of their children. I think this should not be; parents should be interested in this matter, and see to it that every birth happening in their families is duly recorded, or give such facts as may be required to those who are legally authorized to receive them, or all our endeavors to obtain a perfect registration will be of no avail."--*Marriages.* "The return of marriages from the town of Woburn for the year ending April 30, 1846, is, I believe, full and correct, with but one exception." "You may be assured that if the State makes *liberal* provisions for carrying out the registration, your returns will be correct; all the duties of town clerks will be done, and, I doubt not, faithfully done; and only then. The honor of the office, in a town like Woburn, does not pay for the work required by law. Last year, I suggested the propriety of raising the price of certificates to one dollar, and this, I think, would be the better way, and then the individual married would pay all the expense; and this he can afford to do, if he gets a decent wife, but if not, there is no clerk who would not, out of pity, remit him the fee, and, perhaps, make him a present in addition." "I do hope that our next Legislature will be wise, and take this matter into consideration." "Any one conversant with the old records of most towns, can see the necessity of the present registration law; there should be a perfect uniformity in records throughout the State; in the genealogy of families, heirship to property, and pauper cases, long and protracted lawsuits often occur, which might, in a great measure, be obviated, had our present registration laws been carried into operation at the early settlement of the

country. The whole cost of the present registration laws throughout the State, (were a reasonable price paid,) would not be more than one per cent. on five hundred dollars; it would seem but reasonable, that this small pittance should be paid for an object of so much importance."—*Deaths*. "The return of deaths from the town of Woburn, for the past year, is, in most respects, correct." "Family records are a great assistance in ascertaining many of the facts required by law, and one should be kept in every family; the time and trouble of keeping them is nothing, in comparison with the benefits derived from them; all the facts could be readily obtained, which are necessary to make the town records perfect. The disease or cause of death may not, in all cases, be recorded correctly, although most of them are as they were returned to me." "In some instances, where old people have died, I have been obliged to consult the old records of the town to ascertain their ages; this makes a great amount of work for which we get no pay; this is not right." "The whole matter of registration should, in my humble opinion, be left with town clerks, and it should be made their duty to obtain all the necessary facts, or to employ some one to do so for them; this is the only way that the facts can all of them be obtained."

No RETURNS from *Dracut* and *Somerville*; of births from *Acton*; of marriages from *Dunstable*; and of births and deaths from *Watertown*.

WORCESTER COUNTY.

AUBURN.—*Marriages*. "The return is as complete as I could well obtain."

BLACKSTONE.—*Births*. "I have made the return as complete as I was able from the return made to me, which return was made, I believe, by a person who was very diligent in obtaining all the information he could at the time. Our population being of a moving character, as full information in every respect as was desired could not be obtained."—*Marriages*. "The clergymen who have made returns have been very punctual, with one exception; that one said to me, before making his returns, he presumed he had united more couples in marriage than all the other clergymen in town, and when he made his returns he returned only five, saying he had loaned the certificates of two or three, and others he had mislaid and would look them up; such negligence ought not to be tolerated. I suppose that clergymen usually receive from two to five dollars for uniting in marriage, whereas the town clerk receives his fifty cents, and not unfrequently has to travel twelve miles, and spend half a day's time besides. I have published the intentions of marriage of forty-five couples the past year, and believe that more than thirty have been married in town."—*Deaths*. "There not being any regularly appointed sextons in our town, it is almost impossible to get any person to engage in collecting and making a return of the deaths, the compensation allowed by the law being much less than it should be. I am confident there have more deaths taken place the past year, but I return all I have been able to collect."

BROOKFIELD.—*Deaths*. "There is great neglect on the part of the sextons, and one refuses to make any return. I have obtained, I believe, all the deaths in town, and believe them to be correctly returned."

DUDLEY.—*Births*. "I wish there was a penalty to oblige, or a compensation to induce, the school committee, or some other person or persons to obtain cor-

rectly all the births in town. Some of the births were taken by the assessors, but not correctly. Knowing of a number of births that were not handed in, and wishing to have my registration more perfect, I made a circuit over the town and obtained more than double the number that had been before handed to me, which I think is correct."

GARDNER.—*Births*. "The births were not all returned this year."

HOLDEN.—*Marriages*. "I suppose there has been one marriage in this town by a clergyman of Royalston, but no return of it has been made."

HUBBARDSTON.—"Great effort has been used on the part of the town clerk that the returns should be correct. The return of marriages and deaths may be regarded as substantially so. But the difficulty of obtaining correct information in relation to births is apparent, when the fact is made known that no one takes any interest in the subject but the town clerk alone. He has visited every neighborhood in town for the purpose of collecting information for that return, and presumes that all, or nearly all, of the births are included."

LANCASTER.—*Births*. "No returns received from school committee."

LUNENBURG.—"I have, by sending written circulars and the printed certificates, been enabled to obtain pretty full and accurate returns. I wish they were perfect, but it is certainly not for want of effort on my part that they are not so."

MENDON.—"Mendon contains 1200 inhabitants; much care has been taken in making out the returns, which renders them perfect or nearly accurate."—

Births. "I return *all* the children born during the year."

NORTH BROOKFIELD.—"To the appointed officers much credit is due for the pains they have taken in ascertaining the particulars so necessary to carrying out the intention of the registration act. I believe the reports to be correct in all their details, except the places of birth of two females on the list of deaths, which could not be ascertained. The objects and results contemplated by the registration act are of the greatest utility, and can doubtless be effected, if the subordinate officers will attend to their duties as set forth in the act; but it is attended with considerable labor, requires much time and patience, and, I fear, will not generally receive due attention until the fees are increased, as they are now altogether inadequate to the service required."

NORTHBOROUGH.—"The actual number of births in this town is probably as many again as are recorded; I return all that have been reported to me by the school committee, and regret very much not to have a complete return as I had hoped."

PRINCETON.—"So far as it respects the number, I believe each list to be perfect. The sexton and school committee have been prompt in the discharge of their respective duties."

WESTBOROUGH.—"For these last three years, I have been laboring to have our community feel the importance of a full and correct registration; but I find it cannot be done by persuasion or argument, and have some doubts whether the arm of the law would fully accomplish it. Early this summer I engaged one of the school committee, when he numbered the children, to gather up our whole community, that a complete registration should once be made, and by giving him half my perquisite, or rather my fees, I have added more than two hundred names

to the records, and some parts of families back thirty years; so that it can be truly said, that Westborough, for 1846, has a full and complete registration. You are aware that the new registration book receives the names promiscuously, and not by families, and that to keep the family records together, a double record must be made in every instance. My returns of births and deaths I think correct; that of marriages is not so; returns are not made by clergymen and those authorized to solemnize marriages as they should be."

No RETURNS from *Upton*.

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY.

AMHERST.—"The returns are not as full as I could wish, but are as perfect as I am able to make them. It is much to be regretted, that those who pretend to furnish the town clerk with returns, are not more particular. One fact to illustrate: After the returns of *births* were made to me, I made some little effort to ascertain if all had been reported, and found that *fourteen* cases were not on any of the returns; how many more escape the school committee and myself, I am not able to say; but from the manner in which the returns have been made, and the attention I have been able to give the matter, I have no doubt some are still left off; and out of the fifty-one deaths returned, only eight were returned by the sextons."

BELCHERTOWN.—*Births*. "The school committee have made me no return; what I have returned are made from general observation and inquiry. I hope I shall be able to make more full returns the present year."

EASTHAMPTON.—*Births*. "The school committee have returned nine births to the clerk, one of which took place at Northampton. By inquiry, I have made the number thirteen, which is not far from correct."—*Marriages*. "The number is correctly returned."—*Deaths*. "We have no sexton to assist the clerk in making his return; neither have the inhabitants ever given themselves the least trouble in regard to furnishing the clerk with the necessary information. I cannot see any propriety in making the clerk subject to a fine of ten dollars for neglect of duty, and allowing other officers whose duty it is to make returns to the clerk, to make them or not, as is most convenient to them."

GOSHEN.—*Births*. "I feel confident that this return is correct, as the chairman of the school committee is a physician, and well acquainted with all the families in town."—*Marriages* and *Deaths*. "These returns are also correct."

PLAINFIELD.—*Births*. "The school committee of this town have never made any return of births to the town clerk, for the reason, as they say, that they cannot afford to do it at the rate of five cents a birth; neither have they engaged any one to do it, there being no penalty for the neglect. Finding that they had not, and would not make any return to me, I have, this year, taken the trouble to ascertain the number of births for the year past myself, and think I herewith return all, or nearly all, viz., twelve. There were probably as many, or more last year, or rather year before last, although I made return of only three; no more having come to my knowledge."—*Deaths*. "Sextons have made no return of deaths to me, and all I have learnt of them is from our minister and physician; the minister keeps an account of all the deaths, that is, the date, and name, and age of the

deceased, not noting the months and days, however, nor the place of birth, or name of parents, &c. I believe, sir, that I herewith return you all the deaths and marriages that have taken place in this town the year past."

PRESCOTT.—*Births*. "The return contains about one half the number of children born in this town the past year. I have, by personal inquiry, found the names and ages of those in the list, the school committee having wholly disregarded the law which makes it their duty to make an annual return to the town clerk."—*Marriages*. "The return contains probably the whole number that have taken place the past year; it is not so full, however, as I should have been pleased to have had it; owing to remissness in the clerks, or persons solemnizing the marriages, in regard to the various inquiries to be made, which, I think, may be obviated by procuring the blank forms of publishments, according to your circular."—*Deaths*. "I believe I return the whole number that have occurred during the past year. The sextons not having paid any attention to the law heretofore, I have not been able to make a very accurate return to some of the inquiries at the head of the columns. I have reminded the several sextons of their duty, and hope for a better state of things hereafter, in regard to accuracy."

SOUTH HADLEY.—*Marriages*. "There have been probably two or three marriages in town that have not been returned."—*Deaths*. "The return, according to my belief, is correct."

WARE.—*Deaths*. "There was no return made to me by those whose duty it was to do it, consequently I have none to make."

WESTHAMPTON.—*Births and Deaths*. "There seems to be difficulty after all in obtaining perfect records of all that occur in the towns. By the only compulsory law on the subject, within my knowledge, parents, &c., are allowed six months to make return of these events to the clerk, and even this law is, and ever has been, inoperative. Then we have the services of the school committee brought into requisition, and suppose they perform the duty prescribed, they find that births have occurred during the year, and the parents have removed from the town, in some instances; in others, they have, 'according to law,' from one to six months in which to make their own returns, without troubling the school committee with the business. Again, suppose the school committee decline the honor of traversing the length and breadth of a town to obtain the record of some ten or fifteen births, at five cents each; how, then, shall a perfect record be made up?"

In this town, we have no sexton or superintendent of burial grounds, and in scarcely a single instance, has any due or formal notice of either birth or death been given to me. I have, however, succeeded in making out perfect records as to the numbers and dates, and deficient only in a very few points of minor importance."

WILLIAMSBURG.—*Marriages*. "My return is incomplete; sixteen couples have been published in this town, within the time embraced in this return. It is much more difficult to obtain a return from those solemnizing marriages than the others required; and, in fact, I believe they never make them here, until solicited to do so. I think the use of the blanks named in your circular would be of much service."

NO RETURNS from *Chesterfield*; and of deaths from *Pelham* and *Ware*.

HAMPDEN COUNTY.

BLANDFORD.—*Marriages*. "All which have been returned to me by officiating clergymen; probably not all which have occurred in the place during the past year."—*Deaths*. "All which have been returned to me; probably, nearly all which have occurred."

BRIMFIELD.—*Marriages*. "I believe this return correct as to the number and other particulars; in many cases, the parties refused to answer the questions; in others, the certificates were sent for by other persons, who could not answer for them. I know of no way to get a full return, so long as the certificate can be obtained with the questions unanswered."—*Deaths*. "This return I believe to be accurate, as far as we had the means of ascertaining; the returns were made by the sexton."

CHESTER.—*Marriages*. "As perfect a return as I am able to make."—*Deaths*. "All that have come to my knowledge, and probably perfect."

SPRINGFIELD.—"I can only say the same that I did last year, viz.: That the returns of births and deaths I believe to be correct; but that of marriages is not. I make record, and return to you all, just as they are returned to me; should be glad to make full and correct returns, but cannot, for those whose duty it is to make returns to me fail to do it."

TOLLAND.—*Births*. "The school committee have neglected to make returns to me, and, in consequence, I am not able to give you correct returns, or at least no further than what I have been able to ascertain myself. We will endeavor, the present season, to give you correct returns."

WALES.—"It seems to me to be very necessary that there should be some penalty attached to the non-performance of the duties required by the law, or a sufficient remuneration, so as to secure a full and correct return."

WEST SPRINGFIELD.—*Births*. "Not a single one has been returned to me by the school committee."—*Marriages*. "All that have been returned to this office. Two only of the ten ministers have made returns."

No RETURNS from *Russell*; and of deaths from *Palmer*.

FRANKLIN COUNTY.

ASHFIELD.—*Births and Marriages*. "The returns comprise all that have come to my knowledge, but I suppose they are not all which have occurred. The school committee and clergymen have not attended very punctually to their duty in this respect."—*Deaths*. "I think these are all which have occurred in this town for the time stated."

BERNARDSTON.—*Births*. "The return, prepared by E. W. Carpenter *most faithfully*, is as correct, I believe, as it is practicable to make such a one."—*Marriages*. "The return is, I believe, a perfect list of the marriages in this town during the past year. We are on the boundaries of the State of Vermont, and every year some go there, where the laws and practices are more lax, to be 'united with the silken cords of hymen.' I have knowledge of but one such case this year, though probably others have occurred. Our clergymen are all to be commended for their efforts to obey and carry out the provisions of the regis-

try law, and it is now done with comparative ease, since your new form of publication certificates have been used; I find them very useful, and well adapted to the objects for which they were designed.”—*Deaths*. “I believe the return to be accurate.” “But it is an onerous duty on town clerks; they ought, in justice, to have eight to ten cents for each birth, marriage and death returned by them, the same to be paid by their respective towns. Let that be the law, and your returns will be made nearly perfect.”

BUCKLAND.—“A very meagre return; from such data as I have been furnished with.”

CHARLEMONT.—*Marriages*. “As complete as it could well be made under the existing circumstances.”—*Deaths*. “The duty of collecting as well as recording the deaths, &c., devolves upon the clerk, as there is no regular or appointed sexton. The return is as complete as could conveniently be made.”

COLERAINE.—*Deaths*. “The return is as correct as it could be made from the information received by the sextons.”

ERVING.—*Marriages*. “All that have been returned, and, I think, all that have taken place for the last year.”—*Deaths*. “None have been reported to the sextons for the past year; upon inquiry, I have ascertained the particulars of three, which I return, and believe to be all which have occurred.”

GREENFIELD.—*Births and Deaths*. “No return of births has been made to me, and I believe no account has been taken. The same of the deaths. The number of deaths from my memoranda, which is nearly, if not quite correct, is 21, in a population of from 1900 to 2000.”—*Marriages*. “The actual number of persons married, of whom one party or the other resided in this town, according to a memorandum kept by me, was twenty-five, including the above returns. Those not returned (eleven) were married in some of the neighboring towns in Vermont, (in Vernon, the Gretna Green of this section of country, Brattleborough, Halifax, or Guilford) to either of which places a two-and-a-half hours’ ride from here will carry them, and where they can put on the fetters without the ceremony or delay of being published, as our laws require. Scarce a week passes, but wedding parties of six to ten couple, friends of the bride and groom, from this or towns below in Hampshire County, are to be seen hurrying on to some one of the above named towns, resembling, or rather bringing to mind, little flocks of birds flitting about just previous to migration.”

HEATH.—*Marriages and Deaths*. “There have been no returns the past season. I left it to the sextons to return the deaths to me; consequently I have none on record.”

LEYDEN.—*Births and Deaths*. “The returns are correct. In order to procure them, I have personally been throughout the town, as there has not been a single return to this office during the year.”—*Marriages*. “Correct, embracing every marriage solemnized in town.”

MONTAGUE.—*Marriages*. “None returned to me.”—*Deaths*. “I am sorry that the return is not more perfect; I had intended that it should have been, but the man who engaged to get the facts, omitted to make a return up to the twenty-ninth of May, and it could not then well be corrected; but I am still of opinion, that we shall approximate nearer to the truth the next time. I see no reason why all the facts, that is, the material ones, may not, with ease, be obtained under the present law, as well as under any other.”

SHELBURNE.—*Marriages*. “I have, the past year, used the blank certificates of publishment you sent me, and find it makes a wonderful difference in the punctuality of our clergymen and magistrates in making their returns for record. I am very much in favor of these blank certificates, and think the returns to your office this year will be much more full than heretofore, and mainly in consequence of them. Clergymen, and others, have a great reluctance to make the necessary inquiries of the parties at the time of solemnizing the nuptials, to fill out the certificate properly, but if they can have it done at hand, they are generally very punctual in making their returns to the town clerks. This return, I believe, is perfect, as the law contemplates, with the exception, perhaps, of not giving the occupation of some of the brides.”

No RETURNS from *Conway, Northfield, and Rowe*; of births and deaths from *Greenfield*; of marriages and deaths from *Heath*, and of marriages from *Montague*.

BERKSHIRE COUNTY.

ALFORD.—*Marriages*. “I do not recollect of but one having occurred the past year, and of that I am not able to give the particulars, as the person that solemnized it has not made me any return.”—*Deaths*. “This return may not be complete, as the town has neglected to make choice of any person whose duty it would be to give this information. I have myself gathered those returned.”

BECKET.—*Deaths*. “No attention is paid by the sexton, or any other person, to making returns of those occurring in the town; I therefore am obliged to obtain information the best way I can. The return sent, I obtained from the Church records, kept by the Rev. L. Hyde, so far as names and ages of the deceased, and dates of death appear; the other items are derived from other sources, and are far from rendering it complete.”

CHESHIRE.—*Births and Deaths*. “No return made.”

DALTON.—“I have called on the pastor and physician for a list of deaths in this town, from May 1st, 1845, to May 1st, 1846, and they have not, as yet, returned any. There having been none returned from the town clerk of that year, or from any other source, I have concluded to forward the returns of marriages and births as they have been received.”

LEE.—*Marriages*. “It is very difficult, as yet, to come at the ages of the parties, for the ministers either do not understand their duty, or they are too diffident to ‘pop the question’; if, however, the secretary will send me a quantity of blank forms of town clerks’ certificates and clergymen’s returns, I will try to remedy that business of ages when they enter their intentions.”—*Deaths*. “In procuring the matter to make a record of the deaths in a country town, with the statistics required by law and courtesy, I find that I, as town clerk, have it all to do; at least the greatest burden comes on me. I am of opinion, with many others, in this respect, that if the several town clerks were appointed to gather all the facts necessary to carry the law into execution, and to be paid a fair compensation for the same, it would be done with the least trouble and the most accuracy.”

NEW ASHFORD.—*Deaths*. “All that have occurred the past registration year.”

NEW MARLBOROUGH.—*Marriages*. “Probably not all.”

WILLIAMSTOWN.—*Births*. “Not a full list. The school committee did little or nothing till the last moment, and, when prompted by me, the enumeration was then made so hastily, that omissions were very certainly made. I am informed that one district has not been visited at all. Probably there may be from five to twelve omitted there. I regret to say, that, for purposes of statistical accuracy, our returns are not such as the Legislature doubtless intended.”—*Marriages*. “You are aware of the custom, so prevalent on the borders, of marrying in other States, and it is hardly necessary to more than allude to it; I am not certain whether all have been returned.”—*Deaths*. “No returns whatever have been made to me by the sextons during the past year. Those returned were procured by examining the books of an undertaker, who has made most of the coffins in this part of the town; of course, he only knows to whom the coffins were charged, and the other facts were such as his recollection (which, by the way, is nearly infallible,) could testify as within his knowledge. It will be observed, that the number of deaths stated at the head of this return is greater than are recorded; this arose from the fact of coffins having been ordered for persons of whom he knew nothing, except that they were residents of the town.”

WINDSOR.—*Marriages*. “Quite a number have been married in neighboring towns, and out of the State, probably as many as I return.”—*Deaths*. “Made out from information derived from our minister, the sextons having made no returns.”

NO RETURNS from *Great Barrington, Otis, Sandisfield, and Tyringham*; of marriages from *Hancock, Lanesborough, and New Ashford*, and of deaths from *Dallon*.

NORFOLK COUNTY.

BELLINGHAM.—“The returns are not so complete as I should have liked to furnish.—*Births*. The school committee have made no returns. I send you all that have been registered the past year, the same as they stand on the registry.—*Marriages*. The return, I believe, is perfect, and I believe it contains all that have occurred in town the past year.—*Deaths*. I send them as they stand on the registry, although the number is small, probably not one half that have happened; the sextons have made no returns the past year; I have supplied them with blanks, and think in future they will be returned.”

BRAINTREE.—*Deaths*. “I have made no returns of deaths. I have received returns but from one sexton,—two deaths in his part of the town. I have taken pains to get returns from the others, but have been unable. I furnished them all with blanks early in the spring, hoping that I should have a correct return.”

BROOKLINE.—*Births*. “The return is supposed to be pretty accurate. I have given the subject my personal attention, and have been to every house in the town, and, in most cases, have got the necessary information. The school committee are not willing to recognize this as among their duties, and unless it is done by some one feeling more interest in the matter than *they* do, it will remain *undone*. I hope the next Legislature will so amend the laws, in relation to returns, that the object may be more effectually accomplished; that it *shall* be the duty of some officer or officers to make full and correct returns under a heavy penalty.”

MEDWAY.—*Deaths*. “The return contains but a portion of those which have occurred, but are all that have been reported.”

NEEDHAM.—*Marriages*. "From twelve to fifteen published yearly ; of course, a part are married elsewhere."

ROXBURY.—"I have made as perfect returns as I could ; the next year I hope they may be more correct." [Returns not received in time to be included in the tables.]

NO RETURNS of deaths from *Braintree* and *Roxbury*.

BRISTOL COUNTY.

ATTLEBOROUGH.—"The returns are very imperfect, but as perfect as the materials that I have to make them with will admit. The returns of the births are more correct than the deaths ; the physicians of the adjoining towns and from Rhode Island practice here, which makes it difficult to get the returns. You will see by the date of the registration that the returns were not made to me until the 26th instant, which gave me no time to make personal inquiries of parents, which I would have done had they been made to me in due time. The returns of marriages are also imperfect ; thirty-one couples have been published in this town, from May 1, 1845, to May 1, 1846. I have found some difficulty in using your certificates, as many send their intentions of marriage to the town clerk by mail, or some other way, and some do not like to answer so many questions. The return of deaths that have been returned by the sextons is generally correct, but there are some cemeteries to which there are no sextons, and many of the deaths I have obtained from the physicians, but in many cases there is a deficiency of age, birth, or parentage. I think if the whole duty of collecting births and deaths were laid on the physicians, and they were liberally paid, we should have a much more regular registration. I think the fees allowed for publishing and recording the facts relating to marriages are altogether too low. I think if the town clerks were to consult their pecuniary interest and not the good of posterity, you would generally find a ten dollar bill to contain the most of the return. Those who have this work to do, should be entitled to as good pay as the legislators, for I think their labor must be much more perplexing."

BERKLEY.—*Deaths*. "There being no regular sextons in most of the small towns, and therefore no individuals who are required by law to make returns to the town clerk, the returns must be very imperfect, unless the clerks are at much trouble in obtaining the information ; whereas, if the school committee were required to return deaths, as well as births, it would make the returns more perfect, and their duty but little increased, as they could, while visiting every part of the town to get the births, at the same time collect the number of deaths."

NEW BEDFORD.—"The returns are, as usual, undoubtedly imperfect. It has, however, been my constant aim to reach the nearest possible approximation to the truth, and more than this, I presume, will not be expected."—*Births*. "The number of births, as given in the returns, is 477, which, it is believed, is very near the actual number. These have been obtained by an individual specially employed for the purpose, who traversed the entire extent of the town."—*Marriages*. "The number of marriages is 151. This shows an increase upon the last year of about 33 per cent. ; still it is presumed that the actual number has not been reached. Much more attention, however, has been given to this law by clergymen and others, during the past year, than formerly. The whole number

who have entered at this office their intentions of marriage is 218 couples. Now assuming, as heretofore, that one tenth part of these are never married, (which, from careful observation, I believe to be the fact,) and the actual number of marriages which has occurred during the year is 196."—*Deaths*. "The number of deaths returned is 249, showing an increase from last year of 46 per cent.; still the number should have been much greater. Much complaint is made by the sextons of the inadequacy of the compensation allowed, compared with the labor required, some of whom have given me to understand that, for the future, they should pay no further regard to the law. Their compensation is certainly too small, and should, I think, be at least doubled."

NORTON.—*Deaths*. "There have been no returns made to me the past year; the four cases which I have returned I have procured from my own knowledge, or by inquiry."

RAYNHAM.—*Births*. "All that have come to my knowledge; the school committee not making any return to me."—*Deaths*. "All that I have been able to ascertain; there are many family burial-grounds in town, which are not under the care of any sexton, and several physicians practice here from other towns that do not give the required information. I should think the number returned not correct."

SWANZEY.—*Marriages*. "There were undoubtedly more in town than I return, but this is all the return made to me; one minister, who, I suppose, married some, has recently moved out of town without making any returns."—*Deaths*. "I presume there were more in town the past year than have been recorded, but as we have no sexton, nor has any one made any returns, I have had to collect them from such private sources as I could avail myself of. The return is very imperfect. The old record of births has been of use in ascertaining the age of many."

NO RETURNS from *Seekonk*; of births from *Fairhaven*; of deaths from *Dartmouth*.

PLYMOUTH COUNTY.

BRIDGEWATER.—*Deaths*. "The return is very imperfect, because there is but one sexton in town who has done any part of his duty."

DUXBURY.—*Births* and *Deaths*. "No returns have been made to me the past or present year."

EAST BRIDGEWATER.—*Deaths*. "The return, though not complete, is as nearly so as I could make it."

HALIFAX.—*Deaths*. "The return, I am sorry to say, is not complete, owing to people's negligence in making returns; the whole number is complete; I keep the account myself, but the ages of the whole I have not been able to procure."

MARSHFIELD.—*Births*. "All which have taken place, as I have been through the town and made inquiry under the direction of the school committee."—*Marriages*. "I believe the return full and perfect."

PEMBROKE.—*Marriages*. "You will see that the return of marriages is small, compared with last year."—*Deaths*. "The return that I send for the year past, I have gathered myself from inquiry, not having had a single death returned to me."

PLYMOUTH.—“The returns are more complete than I have, in any preceding year, been able to make them, having used the blank forms, as requested, a year ago.”

PLYMPTON.—*Marriages*. “During the year past, I have given, in the publications of intentions of marriage, the particulars required in the return, and the persons who solemnized the marriages certified the marriages on the certificates, and returned them to me; also, in the record of these publishments in the town records, I stated those particulars. I made inquiries of the persons who applied for publishments, relating to those particulars, and if the inquiries were not fully answered, I had resort to other sources of information. I find that persons begin to expect that such inquiries will be made, and, probably, in time to come, will be better prepared to answer them. It appears, from the statistical tables which I have kept in the town records, that, during 34 years, between January 1, 1812, and December 31, 1845, the whole number of publishments of intentions of marriage in Plympton, was 317, and that 168 of the couples published resided in Plympton after their marriage. Also that, of the 634 persons published, 249 single males married single females, 20 widowers married widows, 39 widowers married single females, and 9 single males married widows. In said 34 years, there were but 4 couples published who were not married, but they are not reckoned in the above numbers.”—*Deaths*. “There is no regular or stated sexton; a person is yearly chosen by the town, to toll the meeting-house bell for deaths and funerals, but for nothing more. The relatives of persons select some person to officiate as sexton at funerals.”

RETURNS of 91 births, 31 marriages, and 40 deaths were received from *Abington*, too late to be included in any of the tables.

NO RETURNS from *Middleborough*; of births and deaths from *Duxbury*; of marriages from *Rochester*, of deaths from *Carver*.

BARNSTABLE COUNTY.

BARNSTABLE.—“That the returns are quite incomplete, I am well aware; but they are as full as I can make them under the circumstances.”

EASTHAM.—*Births*. “As the school committee have made no return, it is probable that there are a number that have not come to my knowledge.”

PROVINCETOWN.—*Marriages*. “The clergymen forget or neglect to make the proper inquiries.”

WELLFLEET.—*Deaths*. “There is great difficulty in obtaining a correct list, from negligence in sextons, in ascertaining the knowledge required by law.”

YARMOUTH.—*Deaths*. “The account was obtained by the school committee at the same time as the births, as there appears to be no particular one who has charge of the burial grounds,”

NO RETURNS from *Dennis* and *Truro*.

COUNTY OF DUKES COUNTY.

EDGARTOWN.—*Marriages and Deaths*. “The returns of marriages and deaths are not so full as I could have wished; ministers are negligent in ascertaining the ages of the parties united by them in marriage, and have laid the burden on

me. It is frequently the case, that the gentleman about to be married, sends me a note through a child, requesting to be published ; and, at the expiration of fourteen days, or more, (as the case may be,) takes the same method of getting his certificate ; by which means I have been unable to get the ages of several couples. In regard to the deaths, I will only say, that the sexton has not, during the past year, made return to me of a single death ; having left the collection of every item to myself. You will, therefore, receive the returns as they are, with all their imperfections, together with my wishes that they could have been more complete."

TISBURY.—"The clerk's office is held alternately in the east and west parishes of this town ; consequently the book and records are not so correctly kept, as if the office was filled by one man."

NANTUCKET COUNTY.

NANTUCKET.—*Deaths.* "The return is not so complete as I could have desired ; our sextons do not make their certificates full ; and, in very many cases, my information is derived from my own inquiry of the friends of the deceased ; and it often happens that foreigners die among us, of whom little information can be obtained, beyond the name."

TABLE I. 1. ABSTRACT OF THE RETURNS OF BIRTHS,
in the several Counties, for each month of the year ending April 30, 1846.

Month.	Sex.	COUNTIES.												Total.	
		Essex.	Middlesex.	Worcester.	Hampshire.	Hampden.	Franklin.	Berkshire.	Norfolk.	Bristol.	Plymouth.	Barnstable.	Nantucket.		Dukes.
May, . .	Male, . .	101	99	110	22	29	19	39	60	54	31	29	11	6	610
	Female, . .	84	110	85	18	26	17	24	38	46	26	21	12	4	511
	Not stated, .	6	1	.	3	.	1	.	.	2	3	1	.	.	17
June, . .	Male, . .	100	98	92	25	26	15	24	49	64	25	32	6	3	559
	Female, . .	80	104	86	29	30	17	23	39	62	31	21	7	4	533
	Not stated, .	4	4	3	3	.	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	.	16
July, . .	Male, . .	102	114	108	29	35	20	29	54	68	34	26	8	6	633
	Female, . .	94	121	81	22	28	23	35	40	75	32	28	13	4	596
	Not stated, .	.	1	3	.	.	2	.	1	.	6	.	1	.	14
August, . .	Male, . .	95	118	98	30	32	28	38	56	89	30	43	8	2	667
	Female, . .	92	111	99	27	32	19	42	67	67	34	38	10	3	641
	Not stated, .	.	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	7	1	.	1	14
September, .	Male, . .	123	130	110	22	37	28	32	52	75	35	34	14	3	695
	Female, . .	123	123	91	25	31	22	26	54	78	35	32	5	.	645
	Not stated, .	1	.	5	1	.	.	.	1	.	7	1	.	.	16
October, . .	Male, . .	124	135	103	33	38	21	34	66	73	38	31	6	1	703
	Female, . .	113	133	94	31	32	18	32	34	69	35	29	8	2	630
	Not stated, .	.	1	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	5	.	.	.	12
November, .	Male, . .	111	118	107	21	45	26	24	56	69	49	31	11	2	670
	Female, . .	89	127	86	21	28	21	30	40	72	37	21	15	.	587
	Not stated, .	3	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	1	8
December, .	Male, . .	107	133	91	36	34	24	24	64	68	37	22	9	3	652
	Female, . .	95	110	100	27	40	17	30	49	90	39	26	13	1	637
	Not stated, .	1	3	2	.	.	2	.	1	.	6	.	.	1	16
January, . .	Male, . .	107	136	112	31	34	13	38	59	89	36	28	3	4	690
	Female, . .	104	157	97	27	45	24	40	54	75	41	21	2	2	689
	Not stated, .	4	.	8	.	.	.	1	1	.	10	1	.	.	25
February, . .	Male, . .	106	126	114	20	30	27	23	56	75	51	17	10	2	657
	Female, . .	104	111	91	26	32	21	46	40	84	37	15	8	3	618
	Not stated, .	2	3	1	1	.	.	.	1	1	11	2	.	.	22
March, . .	Male, . .	114	143	126	37	39	25	43	63	102	42	27	10	2	773
	Female, . .	97	161	92	34	45	18	52	59	72	43	24	11	3	711
	Not stated, .	10	3	4	.	.	.	.	1	1	7	2	.	.	28
April, . .	Male, . .	107	133	131	29	40	29	35	45	84	49	26	11	5	724
	Female, . .	108	131	111	25	34	24	42	56	92	39	14	10	7	693
	Not stated, .	8	2	8	1	.	1	.	4	1	8	1	.	.	34
Total, . .	Male, . .	1297	1483	1302	335	419	275	383	680	910	457	346	107	39	8033
	Female, . .	1183	1499	1113	312	403	241	422	570	882	429	290	114	33	7491
	Not stated, .	39	19	44	10	.	7	1	11	5	72	10	1	3	222
Month not stated, . .	Male, . .	3	2	7	.	37	.	.	3	8	3	1	.	.	64
	Female, . .	4	4	4	1	38	1	.	3	5	1	.	.	.	61
	Not stated, .	1	4	4	18	4	.	.	.	2	4	.	.	4	41
Grand total, . .	.	2527	3011	2474	676	901	524	806	1267	1812	966	647	222	79	15912

TABLE I. 2. BIRTHS; PLURALITY CASES.

Month.	Sex.	COUNTIES.												Total.	
		Essex.	Middlesex.	Worcester.	Hampshire.	Hampden.	Franklin.	Berkshire.	Norfolk.	Bristol.	Plymouth.	Barnstable.	Dukes.		Nantucket.
May, . .	Male, . .	2	4	2	1	1	.	1	4	2	.	1	2	.	20
	Female, . .	2	2	.	1	1	.	3	.	.	.	1	.	.	10
	Not stated, . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
June, . .	Male, . .	.	3	1	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	6
	Female, . .	4	3	1	.	.	.	.	4	.	.	.	.	.	12
	Not stated, . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
July, . .	Male, . .	3	4	.	.	.	.	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	11
	Female, . .	1	.	.	.	4	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	7
	Not stated, . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
August, . .	Male, . .	1	.	1	2	1	.	1	3	4	.	3	.	.	16
	Female, . .	3	.	1	.	1	.	1	3	2	.	1	.	.	12
	Not stated, . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
September, . .	Male, . .	.	6	2	.	2	.	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	12
	Female, . .	.	2	2	.	2	*3	1	.	3	.	.	.	.	13
	Not stated, . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	2
October, . .	Male, . .	2	1	.	1	1	1	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	8
	Female, . .	2	3	.	1	3	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11
	Not stated, . .	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
November, . .	Male, . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	1	1	2	.	.	5
	Female, . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	1	1	2	.	.	5
	Not stated, . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
December, . .	Male, . .	1	2	4	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	10
	Female, . .	1	2	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	1	.	.	6
	Not stated, . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
January, . .	Male, . .	3	2	2	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8
	Female, . .	3	2	2	1	.	2	.	.	4	2	2	.	.	18
	Not stated, . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	2
February, . .	Male, . .	2	4	.	.	1	.	.	2	2	2	.	.	.	13
	Female, . .	.	4	.	.	1	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	7
	Not stated, . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
March, . .	Male, . .	5	4	1	.	2	5	.	.	.	.	3	1	1	22
	Female, . .	3	5	1	2	4	1	.	2	.	.	1	1	1	21
	Not stated, . .	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
April, . .	Male, . .	1	2	2	.	1	1	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	9
	Female, . .	1	2	.	.	3	3	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	13
	Not stated, . .	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Total, . .	Male, . .	20	32	15	7	9	7	6	11	14	3	12	3	1	140
	Female, . .	20	25	7	5	19	11	8	11	14	3	10	1	1	135
	Not stated, . .	2	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	4	.	.	.	8
Month not stated, . .	Male, . .	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
	Female, . .	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
	Not stated, . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Grand total, . .	. .	46	58	22	12	28	19	14	22	28	10	22	4	2	287

* A triplet case in New Salem.

TABLE II. 1. ABSTRACT OF THE RETURNS OF MARRIAGES,
*in the several Counties, for each month of the year, ending
 April 30, 1846.*

COUNTIES.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	April.	Month not stated.	TOTAL.
Essex, . .	91	78	57	41	69	98	118	109	57	55	51	69	15	908
Middlesex, .	84	88	58	81	88	123	166	95	81	68	56	124	7	1119
Worcester, .	93	70	39	44	75	93	114	79	63	33	57	110	1	871
Hampshire, .	22	11	7	13	28	21	26	15	14	12	18	20	2	209
Hampden, .	27	19	13	10	15	25	39	25	29	13	10	26	1	252
Franklin, .	24	13	8	3	6	13	23	9	14	9	7	15	7	151
Berkshire, .	9	7	4	6	16	14	16	12	4	9	9	8	.	114
Norfolk, . .	40	35	18	24	37	50	60	41	37	17	21	49	1	430
Bristol, . .	34	48	40	37	53	55	60	44	32	24	36	33	3	499
Plymouth, .	14	14	9	19	16	36	58	19	25	18	14	11	1	254
Barnstable, .	11	7	14	10	14	22	48	27	24	8	22	11	2	220
Dukes, . .	1	2	4	3	1	5	.	1	2	3	1	2	.	25
Nantucket, .	7	11	6	8	7	4	13	7	5	5	5	6	.	84
Total, . .	457	403	277	299	425	559	741	483	387	274	307	484	40	5136

TABLE II. 2. CONDITIONS AND AGES OF PARTIES TO MARRIAGES,

for the year ending 30th April, 1846.

(1.) BETWEEN BACHELORS AND MAIDS.

AGE OF THE MEN.	AGE OF THE WOMEN.														Total.	
	Under 20.	20 to 25.	25 to 30.	30 to 35.	35 to 40.	40 to 45.	45 to 50.	50 to 55.	55 to 60.	60 to 65.	65 to 70.	70 to 75.	75 to 80.	80 and upwards. Age of women not stated.		
Under 20, . . .	34	31	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	68
20 to 25, . . .	574	834	88	8	1	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	29	1536
25 to 30, . . .	216	657	246	21	7	4	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	22	1174
30 to 35, . . .	28	112	77	26	3	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	6	254
35 to 40, . . .	4	27	19	16	6	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	75
40 to 45, . . .	.	6	3	7	4	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	22
45 to 50, . . .	.	1	3	4	1	.	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	11
50 to 55, . . .	.	2	.	2	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8
55 to 60, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
60 to 65, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
65 to 70, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
70 to 75, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
75 to 80, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
80 and upwards,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Age of men not stated, . . .	7	26	13	2	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	634	683
Total, . . .	863	1696	450	86	24	8	4	3	1	1	1	.	.	.	694	3831

(2.) BETWEEN BACHELORS AND WIDOWS.

Under 20, . . .	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
20 to 25, . . .	.	5	6	4	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	17
25 to 30, . . .	1	8	13	11	5	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	40
30 to 35, . . .	.	.	9	9	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	22
35 to 40, . . .	.	.	6	3	4	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	17
40 to 45, . . .	.	.	2	.	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
45 to 50, . . .	.	1	1	.	2	.	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
50 to 55, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
55 to 60, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
60 to 65, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
65 to 70, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
70 to 75, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
75 to 80, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
80 and upwards,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Age of men not stated, . . .	.	.	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	24	26
Total, . . .	1	14	39	27	18	7	5	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	25	137

CONDITIONS AND AGES, &c.—*Continued.*

(3.) BETWEEN WIDOWERS AND MAIDS.

AGE OF THE MEN.	AGE OF THE WOMEN.														Total.	
	Under 20.	20 to 25.	25 to 30.	30 to 35.	35 to 40.	40 to 45.	45 to 50.	50 to 55.	55 to 60.	60 to 65.	65 to 70.	70 to 75.	75 to 80.	80 and upwards.		Age of women not stated.
Under 20, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
20 to 25, . . .	4	5	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
25 to 30, . . .	13	41	15	6	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	77
30 to 35, . . .	7	40	25	10	3	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	86
35 to 40, . . .	2	21	27	13	12	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	77
40 to 45, . . .	.	12	12	15	15	6	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	63
45 to 50, . . .	.	3	9	9	3	4	3	2	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	34
50 to 55, . . .	.	4	.	4	3	7	7	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	29
55 to 60, . . .	.	1	.	.	5	3	1	5	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	18
60 to 65, . . .	.	.	.	.	1	1	3	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	9
65 to 70, . . .	.	.	.	.	1	.	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
70 to 75, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	3
75 to 80, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
80 and upwards,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Age of men not stated, . . .	.	2	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	86	92
Total, . . .	26	129	91	57	45	24	16	17	5	2	.	.	.	.	91	503

(4.) BETWEEN WIDOWERS AND WIDOWS.

Under 20, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
20 to 25, . . .	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
25 to 30, . . .	.	1	4	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
30 to 35, . . .	.	3	7	4	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16
35 to 40, . . .	.	1	7	6	3	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	18
40 to 45, . . .	.	.	2	4	12	1	2	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	22
45 to 50, . . .	.	.	1	7	7	10	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	32
50 to 55, . . .	.	.	.	4	4	5	6	3	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	24
55 to 60, . . .	.	.	.	.	3	5	1	3	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	15
60 to 65, . . .	.	.	.	1	.	2	6	4	5	4	.	.	.	.	.	22
65 to 70, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	4	2	.	.	.	.	.	1	11
70 to 75, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	1	.	.	.	.	5
75 to 80, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	2	1	.	.	.	4
80 and upwards,	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	2
Age of men not stated, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	37	37
Total, . . .	.	5	21	27	31	24	25	17	12	4	5	4	1	1	38	215

CONDITIONS AND AGES, &c.—*Continued.*

(5.) CONDITION OF PARTIES NOT STATED.

AGE OF THE MEN.	AGE OF THE WOMEN.															Total.	TOTAL OF MARRIAGES.		
	Under 20.	20 to 25.	25 to 30.	30 to 35.	35 to 40.	40 to 45.	45 to 50.	50 to 55.	55 to 60.	60 to 65.	65 to 70.	70 to 75.	75 to 80.	80 and upwards.	Age of women not stated.		Men.	Women.	
Under 20, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	34	69	911
20 to 25, . . .	16	16	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	34	1598	1872
25 to 30, . . .	5	9	6	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	24	1321	615
30 to 35, . . .	.	3	2	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	7	385	200
35 to 40, . . .	.	.	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5	192	120
40 to 45, . . .	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	115	64
45 to 50, . . .	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	85	51
50 to 55, . . .	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	63	38
55 to 60, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	34	21
60 to 65, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	34	7	
65 to 70, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16	6	
70 to 75, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8	4	
75 to 80, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4	1	
80 and upwards,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	1	
Age of men not stated, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	372	372	1210	1225
Total, . . .	21	28	14	3	2	1	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	377	450	5136	5136	

NOTE.

These tables, in relation to marriage, are read as follows:—*First Table.* 574 men, between the ages of 20 and 25, were married to women under 20; 8 women, between 30 and 35, were married to men between 20 and 25; or 4 men, between 35 and 40, were married to women under 20.—*Second Table.* 11 men, between 25 and 30, were married to widows between 30 and 35; or 1 man, between 45 and 50, married a widow between 55 and 60.—*Third Table.* 12 widowers, between 40 and 45, were married to women between 20 and 25, who had not before been married; and 1, between 70 and 75, to a woman between 60 and 65, &c. &c. The other Tables in a similar manner.

TABLE III. 1. ABSTRACT OF THE RETURNS OF CAUSES OF DEATH,
for the year ending April 30th, 1846.

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FIFTH REGISTRATION REPORT.

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	Male.	Female.	Not stated.	Under 1 year.	1 year to 2.	2 to 5.	5 to 10.	10 to 20.	20 to 30.	30 to 40.	40 to 50.	50 to 60.	60 to 70.	70 to 80.	80 to 90.	90 to 100.	100 and upwards.	Unknown.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	April.	Natives of the place where they died.	Natives of other places.	Foreigners.	Not stated.	Total.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																													

TABLE III. 2. CLASSIFICATION OF CAUSES OF DEATH IN
THE SEVERAL COUNTIES,*for the year ending April 30th, 1846.*

DISEASES.		Essex.	Middlesex.	Worcester.	Hampshire.	Hampden.	Berkshire.	Franklin.	Norfolk.	Bristol.	Plymouth.	Barnstable.	Nantucket and Dukes.	TOTALS.
1. ZIMOTIC DISEASES; OR, EPIDEMIC, ENDEMIC, AND CONTAGIOUS DISEASES.														
1	Cholera, ...	4	8	8	1	7	2	2	3	2	1	1	1	40
2	Cholera Infantum, ...	43	66	61	10	17	9	4	30	8	6	2	2	258
3	Croup, ...	46	48	44	8	7	5	4	10	27	8	5	6	218
4	Diarrhœa, ...	17	12	10	.	3	2	1	6	.	3	1	.	55
5	Dysentery, ...	15	14	13	11	8	4	3	20	20	2	9	3	122
6	Erysipelas, ...	16	7	12	5	18	1	19	2	.	3	1	.	84
7	Fever, Intermittent, ...	.	.	1	1	.	.	1	2	.	.	.	.	5
8	“ Remittent, ...	2	.	1	.	.	.	1	2	2	4	.	.	12
9	“ Typhus, ...	113	123	132	28	53	26	14	32	47	28	13	5	614
10	Hooping Cough, ...	14	29	10	.	2	7	1	12	17	3	3	2	100
11	Influenza, ...	.	2	3	4	.	.	1	.	1	2	3	.	16
12	Measles, ...	1	12	3	9	4	10	.	1	4	.	1	1	46
13	Scarlatina, ...	144	64	118	31	12	14	14	30	54	16	19	.	516
14	Small Pox, ...	3	12	7	.	2	2	.	.	3	3	.	.	32
15	Syphilis, ...	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
16	Thrush, ...	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Totals, ...		418	398	423	110	133	82	65	150	185	76	60	21	2121
2. DISEASES OF GENERAL OR UNCERTAIN SEAT.														
17	Abscess, ...	2	3	4	.	.	.	1	3	.	.	.	.	13
18	Atrophy, ...	.	.	.	3	3	.	.	1	.	.	4	2	13
19	Cancer, ...	22	19	19	3	5	8	5	7	7	10	1	7	113
20	Debility, ...	.	1	4	.	3	1	.	1	1	2	.	.	13
21	Dropsy, ...	42	46	46	7	16	11	14	15	17	13	4	4	235
22	Gout, ...	.	2	2	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
23	Hemorrhage, ...	9	4	3	1	3	1	.	4	4	.	1	.	30
24	Infantile Diseases, ...	166	225	261	69	85	52	33	66	103	54	30	43	1187
25	Inflammation, ...	7	9	6	1	.	2	.	3	3	.	.	.	31
26	Malformation, ...	.	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
27	Mortification, ...	4	4	7	1	2	2	.	2	1	1	.	.	24
28	Scrofula, ...	5	4	3	1	3	4	1	.	7	2	.	1	31
29	Sudden Deaths, ...	5	1	2	.	.	1	1	3	2	2	2	.	19
30	Tumor, ...	4	2	1	.	1	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	12
Totals, ...		266	322	359	87	122	84	55	107	145	84	42	57	1730

CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE SEVERAL COUNTIES—*Continued.*

DISEASES.		Essex.	Middlesex.	Worcester.	Hampshire.	Hampden.	Berkshire.	Franklin.	Norfolk.	Bristol.	Plymouth.	Barnstable.	Nantucket and Dukes.	TOTALS.
3. DISEASES OF THE NERVOUS SYSTEM.														
31	Apoplexy, ...	8	16	11	2	5	5	6	5	5	3	2	1	69
32	Cephalitis, ...	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
33	Chorea, ...	.	.	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	2
34	Convulsions, ...	28	30	21	10	8	4	3	12	13	8	3	6	146
35	Delirium Tremens, ...	2	4	5	1	3	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	17
36	Epilepsy, ...	1	2	4	.	2	2	.	.	2	.	.	.	13
37	Hydrocephalus, ...	54	61	33	7	12	18	4	14	14	8	5	1	231
38	Insanity, ...	3	.	2	1	.	.	.	1	.	1	1	.	9
39	Paralysis, ...	47	21	31	7	5	16	9	13	9	10	6	3	177
40	Tetanus, ...	2	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	3
41	Brain, &c., Disease of, ...	24	20	7	6	8	6	2	8	10	7	4	.	102
Totals, ...		169	154	115	34	43	51	26	53	55	37	21	11	769
4. DISEASES OF THE RESPIRATORY ORGANS.														
42	Asthma, ...	2	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	.	1	6
43	Bronchitis, ...	.	4	5	.	1	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	12
44	Consumption, ...	400	406	371	73	114	106	54	140	188	118	73	61	2104
45	Hydrothorax, ...	6	.	3	.	1	2	.	2	3	.	.	1	18
46	Laryngitis, ...	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
47	Pleurisy, ...	3	9	5	1	2	3	.	1	3	4	1	1	33
48	Pneumonia, ...	35	49	37	5	19	15	5	20	26	9	9	6	235
49	Quinsy, ...	3	.	1	.	1	.	2	.	2	.	.	.	9
50	Lungs, &c., Disease of, ...	1	1	6	9	1	2	1	4	3	1	.	.	29
Totals, ...		450	470	428	89	139	129	62	168	226	132	84	70	2447
5. DISEASES OF THE ORGANS OF CIRCULATION.														
51	Aneurism, ...	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	1	3
52	Pericarditis, ...	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
53	Heart, &c., Disease of, ...	37	14	40	3	6	8	.	13	7	12	7	.	147
Totals, ...		37	15	41	3	6	8	.	13	7	13	7	1	151
6. DISEASES OF THE DIGESTIVE ORGANS.														
54	Ascites, ...	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
55	Colic, ...	1	2	2	.	1	.	1	2	2	1	.	.	12
56	Dyspepsia, ...	.	1	5	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	8
57	Enteritis, ...	23	15	19	11	22	12	5	6	13	2	1	3	132
58	Gastritis, ...	1	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	4
59	Hernia, ...	4	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	9
60	Intussusception, ...	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	1	.	5
61	Peritonitis, ...	1	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	5
62	Teething, ...	7	5	3	1	.	1	.	1	5	.	4	3	30
63	Ulceration, ...	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
64	Worms, ...	.	1	1	.	.	2	1	.	2	.	.	.	7

CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE SEVERAL COUNTIES—*Continued.*

	DISEASES.	Essex.	Middlesex.	Worcester.	Hampshire.	Hampden.	Berkshire.	Franklin.	Norfolk.	Bristol.	Plymouth.	Barnstable.	Nantucket and Dukes.	TOTALS.
65	Organs, &c., Disease of, .	6	2	3	1	.	2	2	16	11	7	3	.	53
66	Pancreas, Disease of, .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
67	Hepatitis, ...	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
68	Jaundice, ...	3	4	.	.	2	.	.	1	2	1	.	1	14
69	Liver, Disease of, . . .	8	10	9	2	3	4	1	5	4	1	1	1	49
70	Spleen, Disease of, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Totals, ...	56	42	48	15	28	21	10	34	39	15	12	8	328
	7. DISEASES OF THE URINARY ORGANS.													
71	Diabetes, ...	1	3	3	4	1	2	.	.	.	1	.	.	15
72	Cystitis, ...	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	3
73	Gravel, ...	1	2	.	1	1	1	1	.	2	.	.	.	9
74	Nephritis, ...	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
75	Kidneys, &c., Disease of,	.	2	1	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	2	2	9
	Totals, ...	2	8	5	5	2	5	1	.	2	2	2	2	36
	8. DISEASES OF THE ORGANS OF GENERATION.													
76	Childbirth, ...	6	8	9	5	3	4	2	1	3	1	1	2	45
77	Puerperal Fever, ...	3	9	3	3	8	1	.	.	.	3	.	.	30
78	Paramenia, ...	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
79	Organs, &c., Disease of, .	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	1	2	.	.	5
	Totals, ...	9	17	14	8	11	5	2	1	4	6	1	2	80
	9. DISEASES OF THE ORGANS OF LOCOMOTION.													
80	Rheumatism, ...	2	3	2	1	2	2	.	.	.	1	.	.	13
81	Joints, &c., Disease of, .	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	2
82	Hip, Disease of, ...	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	3
83	Spine, Disease of, ...	4	7	.	2	2	2	2	.	.	2	.	.	21
	Totals, ...	7	11	2	4	4	4	2	1	1	3	.	.	39
	10. DISEASES OF THE INTEGUMENTARY SYSTEM.													
84	Fistula, ...	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
85	Ulcers, ...	3	.	2	.	2	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	9
86	Purpura, ...	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
87	Skin, &c., Disease of, . .	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
	Totals, ...	3	1	2	.	2	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	10
88	11. OF OLD AGE, ...	94	91	101	46	39	38	49	56	57	61	28	28	688
	12. OF EXTERNAL CAUSES.													
89	Burns and Scalds, ...	4	6	8	.	2	2	2	2	5	3	2	.	36
90	Casualties, ...	18	27	30	3	17	5	4	5	10	7	4	1	131

CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE SEVERAL COUNTIES—*Continued.*

	DISEASES.	Essex.	Middlesex.	Worcester.	Hampshire.	Hampden.	Berkshire.	Franklin.	Norfolk.	Bristol.	Plymouth.	Barnstable.	Nantucket and Dukes.	TOTALS.
92	Drowned, . . .	32	21	16	3	5	3	.	4	2	11	14	4	115
94	Fractures, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
99	Intemperance, . . .	1	7	3	2	2	1	1	.	1	1	.	.	19
103	Poisoned, . . .	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	1	5
105	Suffocation, . . .	.	.	3	.	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	5
106	Suicide, . . .	8	10	7	.	1	.	2	1	1	.	1	.	31
	Totals, . . .	64	73	67	8	28	11	9	13	19	23	21	6	342
108	13. CAUSES NOT SPECIFIED, . . .	58	98	111	29	50	23	8	25	30	9	25	4	470
109	14. STILLBORN, . . .	40	22	18	1	7	3	6	3	8	1	.	.	109
	Totals, . . .	1673	1722	1734	439	614	465	295	624	779	462	303	210	9320

NOTES TO THE ABSTRACTS OF DISEASES.

It has been considered desirable to institute, as far as we can from the returns, a comparison of the prevalence of particular diseases, in the same districts, for different years. Boston having made no returns of deaths for the last three years, the County of Suffolk is excluded in the several abstracts of deaths.

In the Tables for 1846, the Alphabetical Abstract contains the names of the diseases, generally, as they appear in the returns. In the Classified Abstract, they are arranged after the plan of the Registrar General of Births, Marriages and Deaths in England, with some alterations, which circumstances in this country seemed to dictate. They are numbered for the purpose of convenient reference, and each class is arranged alphabetically. The numbers in parentheses, in the following notes, are references to the heads, under which diseases are arranged in the Classified Abstract. Those who may wish for a more particular sub-division of the diseases for 1846, or the age or month of the year in which they occurred, may consult the Alphabetical Abstract.

NOTES—1846.

Zimotic Diseases.—Under Cholera (1) are included 21 cases of Cholera Morbus, and 12 of Bilious Colic. Under Fever Remittent (8) are included 3 cases of Yellow Fever. Under Fever Typhus (9) are included 193 cases of Fever, 46 of Brain Fever, 5 of Nervous, 5 of Congestive, 8 of Inflammatory, 4 of Typhoid, and 6 of Putrid Fever. Under Scarlatina (13) are included 104 cases of Canker, 34 of Throat Distemper, and 7 of Throat Disease. Under Small Pox (14) are included 1 case of Varioloid, and 2 of the Chicken Pox.

Diseases of Uncertain or General Seat.—Under Cancer (19) are included 2 cases of Fungus-hæmatodes. Under Hemorrhage (23) are included 2 cases of Bleeding Piles, and 1 of Rupture. Under Scrofula (28) are included 3 cases of Humor and 1 case of King's Evil. Under Brain, &c., Disease of (41) are included 38 cases of Inflammation of the Brain, 17 of Congestion of the Brain, and 4 cases of Neuralgia.

Diseases of the Respiratory Organs.—Under Bronchitis (43) is included 1 case of Catarrh. Under Pneumonia (48) are included 95 cases of Lung Fever, 22 of Inflammation of the Lungs. Under Disease of the Lungs (50) are included 3 cases of Congestion of the Lungs.

Diseases of the Organs of Circulation.—Under Heart, &c., Disease of (53) are included 7 cases of Anemia, and 4 cases of Angina Pectoris.

Diseases of the Digestive Organs.—Under Colic (55) are included 3 cases of Constipation of the Bowels, and 1 of Painter's Colic. Under Enteritis (57) are included 72 cases of Inflammation of the Bowels, and 32 cases of Bilious Fever. Under Organs, &c., Disease of (65) are included 47 cases of Disease of the Bowels, and 6 cases of Disease of the Stomach.

Diseases of the Urinary Organs.—Under Kidneys, &c., Disease of (75) are included 2 cases of Disease of the Urinary Organs.

Diseases of the Organs of Generation.—Under Organs, &c., Disease of (79) are included 3 cases of Disease of the Ovaries and 2 of Strangury.

Diseases of the Organs of Locomotion.—Under Joints, &c., Disease of (81) are included 2 cases of Disease of the Bones.

Diseases of the Integumentary System.—Under Skin, &c. Disease of (87) is included 1 case of Carbuncle.

Under Casualty (90) are included 3 cases of Sun Struck, 2 cases of Killed by Lightning, and 2 Found Frozen.

Under Intemperance (99) 1 by Chewing Opium.

TABLE III. 3. ABSTRACT OF RETURNS OF CAUSES OF DEATHS,

in the three years 1844, 1845 and 1846.

	CAUSES OF DEATH.	1844.	1845.	1846.	To 10,000 Deaths by all Specified Causes, there were in		
					1844.	1845.	1846.
	All Causes, ...	8250	8642	9211			
	Specified Causes, ...	7076	8070	8741	10,000	10,000	10,000
1	Zimotic Diseases, or Epidemic, Endemic, and Contagious Diseases,	1627	2208	2121	2299	2736	2427
	SPORADIC DISEASES						
2	Of Uncertain or General Seat, ...	1150	889	1730	1625	1102	1979
3	Of the Nervous System, ...	631	794	769	892	984	880
4	Of the Respiratory Organs, ...	2036	2542	2447	2878	3150	2799
5	Of the Organs of Circulation, ...	141	136	151	199	168	172
6	Of the Digestive Organs, ...	433	517	328	612	641	375
7	Of the Urinary Organs, ...	32	32	36	45	40	41
8	Of the Organs of Generation, ...	68	95	80	96	118	92
9	Of the Organs of Locomotion, ...	34	34	39	48	42	45
10	Of the Integumentary System, ...	12	17	10	17	21	12
11	Of Old Age, ...	631	504	688	892	624	787
12	Of External Causes, ...	281	302	342	397	374	391
	Totals, ...	7076	8070	8741	10,000	10,000	10,000
	1.						
1	Cholera, ...	28	45	40	40	56	46
2	Cholera Infantum, ...	87	111	258	123	138	294
3	Croup, ...	122	261	218	172	323	250
4	Diarrhœa, ...	30	24	55	42	30	63
5	Dysentery, ...	120	200	122	170	248	140
6	Erysipelas, ...	104	111	84	147	137	96
7	Fever Intermittent, ...		3	5		4	6
8	Fever Remittent, ...	2	6	12	3	7	14
9	Fever Typhus, ...	634	772	614	896	957	703
10	Whooping Cough, ...	60	68	100	85	84	114
11	Influenza, ...	68	16	16	96	20	18
12	Measles, ...	32	44	46	45	54	53
13	Scarlatina, ...	328	538	516	463	667	590
14	Small Pox, ...	11	5	32	16	6	37
15	Syphilis, ...		3	1		4	1
16	Thrush, ...	1	1	2	1	1	2
	Totals, ...	1627	2208	2121	2299	2736	2427
	2.						
17	Abscess, ...	9	3	13	13	4	15
18	Atrophy, ...	50	18	13	71	22	15
19	Cancer, ...	94	99	113	133	123	129
20	Debility, ...	25	15	13	35	19	15

CAUSES OF DEATHS—*Continued.*

	CAUSES OF DEATH.	1844.	1845.	1846.	To 10,000 Deaths by all Specified Causes, there were in		
					1844.	1845.	1846.
21	Dropsy, ...	163	181	235	230	224	269
22	Gout, ...	2	5	5	3	6	6
23	Hemorrhage, ...	20	28	30	28	35	34
24	Infantile Diseases, ...	663	450	1187	937	558	1358
25	Inflammation, ...	35	6	31	49	7	35
26	Malformation, ...	4	4	4	6	5	5
27	Mortification, ...	25	26	24	35	32	27
28	Scrofula, ...	27	42	31	38	52	35
29	Sudden Deaths, ...	27	.	19	38	.	22
30	Tumor, ...	6	12	12	9	15	14
	Totals, ...	1150	889	1730	1625	1102	1979
	3.						
31	Apoplexy, ...	82	82	69	116	101	79
32	Cephalitis, ...	92	94	38	130	116	44
33	Chorea, ...	3	2	2	4	3	2
34	Convulsions, ...	130	204	146	184	254	167
35	Delirium Tremens, ...	.	13	17	.	16	19
36	Epilepsy, ...	15	7	13	22	9	15
37	Hydrocephalus, ...	129	189	231	182	234	264
38	Insanity, ...	10	12	9	14	15	10
39	Paralysis, ...	111	117	177	157	145	203
40	Tetanus, ...	3	5	3	4	6	3
41	Brain, &c., Disease of, ...	56	69	64	79	85	74
	Totals, ...	631	794	769	892	984	880
	4.						
42	Asthma, ...	4	9	6	6	11	7
43	Bronchitis, ...	15	12	12	21	15	14
44	Consumption, ...	1634	2072	2104	2309	2567	2407
45	Hydrothorax, ...	16	49	18	23	61	20
46	Laryngitis, ...	2	5	1	3	6	1
47	Pleurisy, ...	25	20	33	36	25	38
48	Pneumonia, ...	337	350	235	476	434	269
49	Quinsy, ...	3	11	9	4	14	10
50	Lungs, &c., Disease of, ...	.	14	29	.	17	33
	Totals, ...	2036	2542	2447	2878	3150	2799
	5.						
51	Aneurism, ...	2	3	3	3	4	4
52	Pericarditis, ...	.	13	1	.	16	1
53	Heart, &c., Disease of, ...	139	120	147	196	148	167
	Totals, ...	141	136	151	199	168	172
	6.						
54	Ascites, ...	.	.	.	.	.	.
55	Colic, ...	15	34	12	21	42	14
56	Dyspepsia, ...	6	12	8	8	15	9
57	Enteritis, ...	116	145	132	165	179	151

CAUSES OF DEATHS—*Continued.*

	CAUSES OF DEATH.	1844.	1845.	1846.	To 10,000 Deaths by all Specified Causes, there were in		
					1844.	1845.	1846.
58	Gastritis, ...	16	11	4	22	13	4
59	Hernia, ...	19	.	9	28	.	10
60	Intussusception, ...	17	5	5	24	6	6
61	Peritonitis, ...	16	12	5	23	15	6
62	Teething, ...	24	31	30	34	38	34
63	Ulceration, ...	23	.	.	32	.	.
64	Worms, ...	4	10	7	6	12	8
65	Organs, &c., Disease of, ...	139	194	53	196	243	61
66	Pancreas, Disease of, ...	.	.	.	.	.	.
67	Hepatitis, ...	4	.	.	6	.	.
68	Jaundice, ...	7	12	14	10	15	16
69	Liver, Disease of, ...	27	51	49	37	63	56
70	Spleen, Disease of, ...	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Totals, ...	433	517	328	612	641	375
	7.						
71	Diabetes, ...	7	7	15	10	9	17
72	Cystitis, ...	5	5	3	7	16	3
73	Gravel, ...	11	9	9	15	11	10
74	Nephritis, ...	9	3	.	13	4	.
75	Kidneys, &c., Disease of, ...	.	8	9	.	10	11
	Totals, ...	32	32	36	45	40	41
	8.						
76	Childbirth, ...	30	52	45	42	65	52
77	Puerperal Fever, ...	33	35	30	47	43	34
78	Paramenia, ...	1	.	.	1	.	.
79	Organs, &c., Disease of, ...	4	8	5	6	10	6
	Totals, ...	68	95	80	96	118	92
	9.						
80	Rheumatism, ...	14	17	13	20	21	15
81	Joints, &c., Disease of, ...	.	1	2	.	1	2
82	Hip, Disease of, ...	1	2	3	1	3	3
83	Spine, Disease of, ...	19	14	21	27	17	25
	Totals, ...	34	34	39	48	42	45
	10.						
84	Fistula, ...	.	1	.	.	1	.
85	Ulcers, ...	8	10	9	12	12	11
86	Purpura, ...	3	4	.	4	5	.
87	Skin, &c., Disease of, ...	1	2	1	1	3	1
	Totals, ...	12	17	10	17	21	12
	11.						
88	Old Age, ...	631	504	688	892	624	787

CAUSES OF DEATHS—*Continued.*

	CAUSES OF DEATH.	1844.	1845.	1846.	To 10,000 Deaths by all Specified Causes, there were in		
					1844.	1845.	1846.
	12.						
89	Burns and Scalds, ...	22	33	36	31	41	41
90	Casualties, ...	81	84	131	115	104	150
91	Drinking Cold Water, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.
92	Drowned, ...	88	114	115	124	141	131
93	Executed, ...	.	.	.	.	.	.
94	Fractures, ...	5	3	.	7	4	.
95	Frozen, ...	1	.	.	1	.	.
96	Glanders, ...	.	.	.	.	.	.
97	Hydrophobia, ...	.	.	.	.	.	.
98	Homicide, ...	5	.	.	7	.	.
99	Intemperance, ...	40	23	19	57	29	22
100	Lightning, ...	.	.	.	.	.	.
101	Malpractice, ...	1	.	.	1	.	.
102	Necusis, ...	.	.	.	.	.	.
103	Poisoned, ...	6	10	5	9	12	6
104	Starvation, ...	.	.	.	.	.	.
105	Suffocation, ...	.	6	5	.	7	6
106	Suicide, ...	32	29	31	45	36	35
107	Wounds, ...	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Totals, ...	281	302	342	397	374	391
	13.						
108	Causes not specified, . . .	1174	572	470	1658	709	538
	14.						
109	Stillborn, ...	49	73	109	69	90	125

NOTE.

The number of the *stillborn*, in 1846, is stated above to be 109, while in the table on the opposite page it is 58. The cause of this disagreement is that the first number (109) was abstracted from the returns of the deaths; and the second (58) from the returns of the births. The stillborn should always be fully reported, both among the births and deaths; but, having never lived as separate, independent persons, they should be excluded in numbering the deaths. This has been done in all the calculations in these tables. A deduction of 470 for causes not specified, leaves 8741 as the number of deaths for specified causes, and this was the basis of the calculations.

TABLE III. 4. STILLBORN CASES.*

Month.	Sex.	COUNTIES.											Total.		
		Essex.	Middlesex.	Worcester.	Hampshire.	Hampden.	Franklin.	Berkshire.	Norfolk.	Bristol.	Plymouth.	Barnstable.		Dukes.	Nantucket.
May, . .	Male, . . .	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
	Female, . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
June, . .	Not stated, .	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	2
	Male, . . .	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
July, . .	Female, . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	1	.	2
	Not stated, .	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
August, . .	Male, . . .	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
	Female, . .	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
September, .	Not stated, .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Male, . . .	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	3
October, . .	Female, . .	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
	Not stated, .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	1	.	.	2
November, .	Male, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	1
	Female, . .	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
December, .	Not stated, .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Male, . . .	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	2
January, . .	Female, . .	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
	Not stated, .	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
February, . .	Male, . . .	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
	Female, . .	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	3
March, . .	Not stated, .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
	Male, . . .	.	.	2	2	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	5
April, . .	Female, . .	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
	Not stated, .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total, . .	Male, . . .	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Female, . .	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Month not stated, . .	Not stated, .	.	.	.	1	.	3	.	2	2	.	2	1	.	11
	Male, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Grand total.	Female, . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Not stated, .	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	.	.	.	4
		7	1	11	9	.	5	2	10	2	3	4	4	.	58

* From returns of Births.

TABLE IV. FACTS ILLUSTRATING THE INFLUENCE OF
OCCUPATION ON LONGEVITY,

Showing the number, and the aggregate and average ages of individuals differently employed, abstracted from the returns.

[NOTE. In 1845 and 1846, no person under 20 years of age is included in this abstract.
It is supposed that occupations have no particular influence before that time.]

OCCUPATIONS.	1844.			1845.			1846.		
	Number.	Aggregate age.	Average age.	Number.	Aggregate age.	Average age.	Number.	Aggregate age.	Average age.
Clergymen, . . .	18	935	51.96	11	555	50.00	14	897	64.07
Editors, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	45	45.00
Lawyers, . . .	7	311	44.92	7	346	49.42	8	472	59.00
Physicians, . . .	27	1464	54.25	20	1132	56.60	21	1000	47.64
Professors, . . .	2	75	37.50	.	.	.	.	.	.
Scholars, . . .	14	291	20.79	3	70	23.33	1	21	21.00
Teachers, . . .	14	473	33.78	21	626	29.85	9	412	45.78
Total, . . .	82	3549	43.28	62	2724	43.93	54	2847	52.72
Booksellers, . . .	2	63	31.50	1	26	26.00	.	.	.
Brokers, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	108	54.00
Gentlemen, . . .	12	925	77.14	9	613	68.11	10	662	66.20
Merchants, . . .	59	3019	51.17	46	2304	50.08	42	2313	55.07
Traders, . . .	2	49	24.50	34	1460	42.94	27	1213	44.92
Total, . . .	75	4056	54.08	90	4403	48.92	81	4296	53.04
Farmers, . . .	663	42,447	64.02	645	39,869	61.64	679	45,241	66.63
Clerks, . . .	11	270	24.54	11	402	36.54	14	518	37.00
Public Officers, . . .	8	461	57.63	6	338	56.33	7	331	47.29
Engineers, . . .	.	.	.	2	63	31.50	2	62	31.00
Innkeepers, . . .	6	286	47.79	8	393	49.12	7	355	50.71
Stage Drivers, . . .	.	.	.	4	147	36.75	3	105	35.00
Drovers, . . .	.	.	.	1	20	20.00	.	.	.
Wharfingers, . . .	.	.	.	3	181	60.33	.	.	.
Baggage Masters, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	25	25.00
Total, . . .	25	1017	40.68	35	1544	44.11	34	1396	41.06
Bakers, . . .	6	343	57.19	4	191	47.75	5	194	38.80
Barbers, . . .	4	236	59.03	1	24	21.00	3	142	47.33
Basket-makers, . . .	1	69	69.05	.	.	.	.	.	.
Blacksmiths, . . .	31	1550	50.00	45	2346	52.13	43	2197	51.09

INFLUENCE OF OCCUPATION, &c.—*Continued.*

OCCUPATIONS.	1844.			1845.			1846.		
	Number.	Aggregate age.	Average age.	Number.	Aggregate age.	Average age.	Number.	Aggregate age.	Average age.
Block-makers, ...	2	131	65.50	2	132	66.00	2	132	66.00
Bookbinders, ...	1	29	29.00	1	41	41.00	1	41	41.00
Brake and Firemen, ...	4	110	27.50	4	110	27.50	4	110	27.50
Brick-makers, ...	2	90	45.00	2	90	45.00	2	90	45.00
Brush-makers, ...	1	66	66.00	1	66	66.00	1	66	66.00
Butchers, ...	5	225	45.08	6	320	53.33	8	294	36.75
Cabinet-makers, ...	11	499	45.54	13	642	49.38	9	414	46.00
Card-makers, ...	1	53	53.00	1	31	31.00	3	138	46.00
Carpenters, ...	76	3908	51.42	79	4129	52.26	70	3426	48.94
Caulkers and Gravers, ...	1	62	62.00	2	145	72.50	3	199	66.33
Chair-makers, ...	3	122	40.66	6	206	34.33	6	206	34.33
Chaise-makers, ...	2	140	70.00	2	140	70.00	2	140	70.00
Cigar-makers, ...	4	136	34.00	2	60	30.00	1	20	20.00
Clock-makers, ...	1	46	46.00	2	60	30.00	1	20	20.00
Clothiers, ...	2	143	71.50	2	95	47.50	2	95	47.50
Comb-makers, ...	3	161	53.66	2	84	42.00	2	84	42.00
Confectioners, ...	1	51	51.00	1	51	51.00	1	51	51.00
Coopers, ...	14	705	50.39	13	843	64.76	19	1030	54.21
Coppersmiths, ...	1	42	42.00	1	42	42.00	1	42	42.00
Curriers and Tanners, ...	4	223	55.77	2	54	27.00	10	437	43.70
Cutlers, ...	1	24	24.00	2	111	55.50	2	86	43.00
Dentists, ...	1	51	51.00	1	51	51.00	1	51	51.00
Distillers, ...	1	57	57.00	1	57	57.00	1	57	57.00
Druggists, ...	3	110	36.67	3	110	36.67	3	110	36.67
Dyers, ...	4	127	31.75	4	127	31.75	4	127	31.75
Engravers, ...	1	25	25.00	1	25	25.00	1	25	25.00
Founders, ...	1	22	22.00	1	22	22.00	1	22	22.00
Furnace-men, ...	4	158	39.71	1	32	32.00	1	22	22.00
Gas-preparers, ...	1	25	25.00	1	32	32.00	1	22	22.00
Glass-cutters, ...	1	61	61.00	1	61	61.00	1	61	61.00
Grave-diggers, ...	1	30	30.00	1	30	30.00	1	30	30.00
Gunsmiths, ...	2	114	57.00	7	340	48.57	4	152	38.00
Harness-makers, ...	5	255	51.11	5	348	69.60	10	553	55.30
Hatters, ...	3	92	30.66	5	240	48.00	1	43	43.00
Inspectors of beef, ...	2	68	34.00	5	240	48.00	4	163	40.75
Jewellers, ...	8	395	49.47	5	240	48.00	4	163	40.75
Last-makers, ...	6	170	28.37	13	437	33.61	16	503	31.44
Leather-dressers, ...	4	149	37.28	31	1333	43.00	6	253	42.17
Machinists, ...	14	603	43.10	21	1182	56.28	20	990	49.50
Manufacturers, ...	1	75	75.00	1	75	75.00	1	58	58.00
Masons, ...	16	722	45.17	9	406	45.11	7	345	49.33
Mast-makers, ...	4	240	60.00	5	242	48.50	5	363	72.60
Mechanics, ...	1	26	26.00	1	26	26.00	1	51	51.00
Millers, ...	2	37	18.70	4	153	38.24	3	132	44.00
Millwrights, ...	1	43	43.00	1	43	43.00	1	43	43.00
Nailers, ...	9	266	38.41	12	426	35.50	12	426	35.50
Oil manufacturers, ...	21	869	41.40	10	411	41.10	16	644	40.25
Operatives, ...	1	61	61.00	1	61	61.00	1	61	61.00
Organ builders, ...	1	61	61.00	1	61	61.00	1	61	61.00
Painters, ...	1	61	61.00	1	61	61.00	1	61	61.00

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OCCUPATIONS.	1844.			1845.			1846.		
	Number.	Aggregate age.	Average age.	Number.	Aggregate age.	Average age.	Number.	Aggregate age.	Average age.
Paper-makers, . . .	4	177	44.25	3	124	41.33	3	172	57.33
Paper-stainers, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	28	28.00
Pattern-makers, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	45	45.00
Pianoforte-makers, . . .	.	.	.	1	24	24.00	.	.	.
Pile-drivers, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	54	54.00
Pocketbook-makers, . . .	.	.	.	1	69	69.00	.	.	.
Potters, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	80	80.00
Powder-makers, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	97	32.33
Printers, . . .	4	207	51.75	4	118	29.50	4	130	32.50
Pump and Block-makers, . . .	1	48	48.00	.	.	.	2	164	82.00
Razorstrop-makers, . . .	1	47	47.00	.	.	.	.	.	.
Riggers, . . .	.	.	.	1	53	53.00	1	37	37.00
Rope-makers, . . .	4	156	39.18	2	90	45.00	7	426	60.86
Sail-makers, . . .	2	140	70.00	.	.	.	3	127	42.33
Salt manufacturers, . . .	2	109	54.89	.	.	.	.	.	.
Sculptors, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	93	93.00
Shipwrights, . . .	10	648	64.85	5	290	58.00	8	498	62.25
Shoe-makers, . . .	110	4395	39.95	134	5596	41.76	133	5586	42.00
Soap-makers, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	60	60.00
Stablers, . . .	3	83	27.66	3	158	39.50	2	63	31.50
Stone-cutters, . . .	6	390	65.00	10	416	41.61	16	688	43.00
Tailors, . . .	12	534	46.56	12	600	50.00	5	272	54.40
Tallow-chandlers, . . .	1	53	53.00	.	.	.	1	64	64.00
Telescope-makers, . . .	1	25	25.00	.	.	.	.	.	.
Tinmen, . . .	1	19	19.00	.	.	.	3	141	47.00
Trunk-makers, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	33	33.00
Umbrella-makers, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	43	43.00
Victuallers, . . .	2	104	52.47	3	140	46.66	.	.	.
Weavers, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	6	295	49.17
Well-diggers, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	25	25.00
Wheelwrights, . . .	12	515	42.75	6	192	32.00	6	242	40.33
Whip-makers, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	32	32.00
Wood-turners, . . .	1	34	34.00	1	56	56.00	.	.	.
Wool-dyers, . . .	1	42	42.00	1	55	55.00	.	.	.
Wool-sorters, . . .	.	.	.	2	96	48.00	2	95	47.50
Total, . . .	452	20,629	45.63	477	22,398	46.96	538	24,613	45.75
Male Domestics, . . .	20	1129	56.47	.	.	.	1	97	97.00
Laborers, . . .	158	8034	50.85	208	10,358	49.79	209	10,238	49.00
Teamsters, . . .	4	153	38.41	11	332	30.18	6	344	57.33
Total, . . .	182	9316	51.18	219	10,690	48.81	216	10,679	49.44
Fish-dealers, . . .	1	68	68.00	.	.	.	.	.	.
Fishermen, . . .	13	528	40.66	14	580	41.42	7	316	45.14
Freighters, . . .	3	117	39.16	.	.	.	2	83	41.50
Pilots, . . .	1	74	74.00	.	.	.	2	133	66.50

INFLUENCE OF OCCUPATION, &c.—*Continued.*

OCCUPATIONS.	1844.			1845.			1846.		
	Number.	Aggregate age.	Average age.	Number.	Aggregate age.	Average age.	Number.	Aggregate age.	Average age.
Seamen, . . .	129	4746	37.02	131	5626	42.94	108	5266	48.76
Shipmasters, . . .	11	693	63.06	.	.	.	.	.	.
Shoremen, . . .	4	274	68.70	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total, . . .	162	6500	40.12	145	6206	42.80	119	5798	48.72
Paupers, . . .	31	2270	73.25	5	408	81.60	36	2503	69.53
Insane, . . .	4	212	53.00	.	.	.	1	68	68.00
Total, . . .	35	2482	70.91	5	408	81.60	37	2571	69.48
FEMALES.									
Domestics, . . .	.	.	.	8	466	55.75	5	153	30.60
Dress-makers, . . .	3	77	25.66	11	338	30.72	8	239	29.87
Housekeepers, . . .	.	.	.	179	8888	49.61	275	14,279	51.92
Ladies, . . .	.	.	.	3	212	70.66	2	140	70.00
Midwives, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	92	92.00
Milliners, . . .	3	111	37.00	2	53	26.50	3	132	44.00
Nurses, . . .	1	61	61.00	2	106	53.00	4	208	52.00
Operatives, . . .	.	.	.	27	779	21.44	30	767	25.57
Seamstresses, . . .	.	.	.	9	464	44.88	18	717	39.83
Shoebinders, . . .	2	59	29.50	3	115	38.33	5	117	23.40
Straw-braiders, . . .	2	48	24.12	4	140	35.50	3	134	44.66
Tailoresses, . . .	7	288	41.23	16	654	40.87	17	658	38.71
Teachers, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	14	376	26.86
Washerwomen, . . .	1	80	80.00	.	.	.	.	.	.
Weavers, . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	10	525	52.50
Total, . . .	19	724	38.36	264	12,215	46.32	395	18,537	46.93

RECAPITULATION.

OCCUPATIONS.	1844.			1845.			1846.		
	Number.	Aggregate age.	Average age.	Number.	Aggregate age.	Average age.	Number.	Aggregate age.	Average age.
Professional men,	82	3,549	43.28	62	2,724	43.93	54	2,847	52.72
Merchants, . .	75	4,056	54.08	90	4,403	48.92	81	4,296	53.04
Agriculturists, .	663	42,447	64.02	645	39,869	61.81	679	45,241	66.63
Public Officers, .	25	1,017	40.68	35	1,544	44.11	34	1,396	41.06
Mechanics, . .	452	20,629	45.63	477	22,398	46.96	538	24,613	45.75
Laborers, . . .	182	9,316	51.18	219	10,690	48.81	216	10,679	49.44
Seamen, . . .	162	6,500	40.12	145	6,206	42.80	119	5,798	48.72
Paupers, . . .	35	2,482	70.91	5	408	81.60	37	2,571	69.48
Females, . . .	19	729	38.36	264	12,215	46.32	395	18,537	46.93
Total & averages,	1695	90,725	53.54	1942	100,457	51.72	2153	115,978	53.87

TABLE V. FACTS ILLUSTRATING THE INFLUENCE OF DOMESTIC CONDITION ON LONGEVITY,

Showing, for each County, the number and aggregate age of all in the returns over 20 years old, whose condition is specified.

COUNTIES.	MALES.						FEMALES.					
	UNMARRIED.		MARRIED.		WIDOWERS.		UNMARRIED.		MARRIED.		WIDOWS.	
	Number.	Aggregate age.	Number.	Aggregate age.	Number.	Aggregate age.	Number.	Aggregate age.	Number.	Aggregate age.	Number.	Aggregate age.
Essex, . . .	65	2,252	207	11,538	29	2,238	104	4,686	206	8,610	158	11,425
Middlesex, . .	65	2,454	201	11,128	33	2,379	97	3,897	269	11,455	95	6,667
Worcester, . .	102	3,755	222	12,487	66	4,968	84	3,207	269	11,702	117	8,626
Hampshire, . .	16	688	37	2,095	15	1,069	30	1,200	58	2,440	46	3,402
Hampden, . .	26	844	75	3,928	16	1,248	28	987	132	5,704	41	3,026
Franklin, . .	12	527	47	2,767	15	1,236	18	766	49	2,542	40	3,192
Berkshire, . .	19	855	69	3,962	17	1,207	31	1,262	73	3,409	41	3,148
Norfolk, . .	23	762	61	3,458	23	1,847	37	1,620	73	3,251	47	3,544
Bristol, . .	24	824	93	5,380	26	1,968	39	1,639	116	5,247	53	3,836
Plymouth, . .	11	463	68	4,108	25	1,955	26	1,380	72	3,251	51	3,758
Barnstable, . .	20	512	35	2,052	11	827	12	407	45	1,984	23	1,753
Dukes & Nant.	10	430	28	1,847	7	548	17	971	37	1,651	19	1,387
Total, . . .	393	14,366	1143	64,750	283	21,490	523	22,022	1399	61,246	731	53,764
Average age, .	.	36.55	.	56.65	.	75.94	.	42.11	.	43.78	.	73.55

